



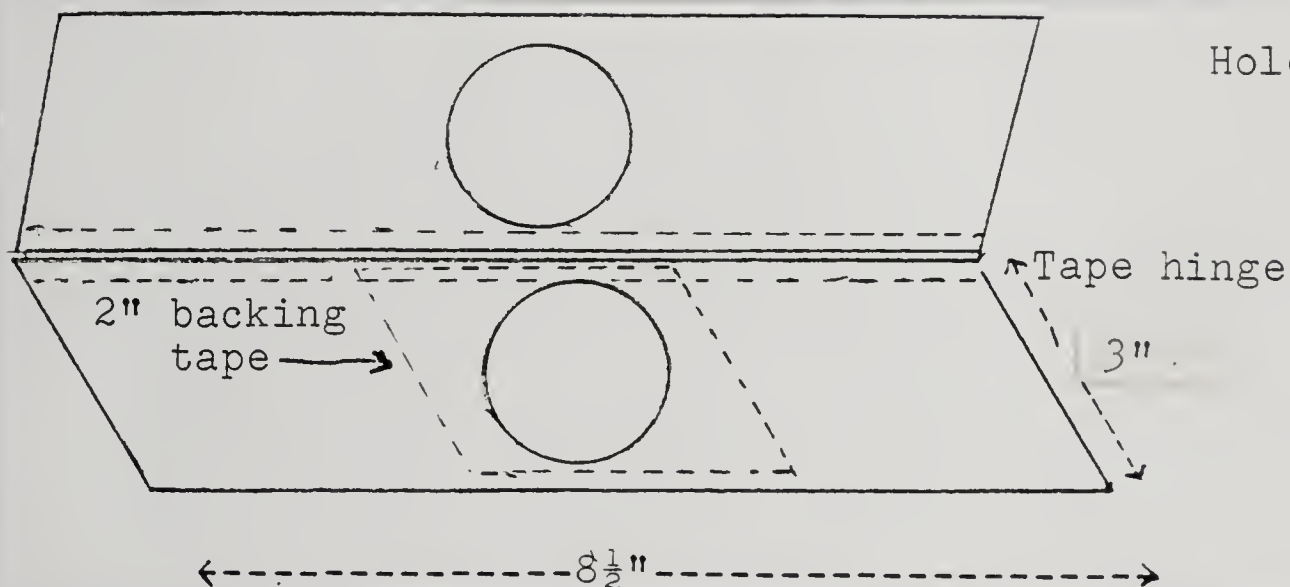
EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING ROLLER RUBBINGS WITH CARBON PAPER

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During the past few months I have had a few inquiries from friends (your editor among them!) as to how my rubbings turn out so well. To answer these inquiries I have made up a brief outline of the equipment and methods which I use. I feel it is a good starting point from which others will find improvements for the benefit of all token collectors.



Holes 1", 1½" or 2".

To make the holder, use a section of cardboard taken from the back of a writing paper pad as this is the right width at 8½" and the best thickness. Cut 2 sections 8½" x 3" and hinge these with some tape. With these 2 pieces of cardboard held together, thumbtack them to a piece of wood and using an expansive wood bit, drill a hole through both sections of cardboard. As coins or tokens vary in size it will be best to make 3 of these holders, using 1", 1½" and 2" holes. If a small token is rubbed in a large hole, the paper will adhere to the tape around the token, so 3 sizes are best. Use a very sharp bit and drill carefully so as not to tear the cardboard. If you do not have access to an expansive bit nor the patience to drill the holes, then an improvised method can be used. Make crude holes a little oversize and then past an appropriately sized 2x2 coin holder over the opening. When this is done a piece of 2" masking tape or Johnson and Johnson adhesive tape can be placed over the bottom hole.

A simple roller can be purchased at most paint and wallpaper stores, used for rolling the edges of wallpaper; a 1" roller should suffice. As these are made of plastic they will need rubber on the rolling surface. A section of bicycle inner tubing will serve this purpose nicely. Remove the wheel pin by filing one end flat. It may take a bit of oil to get the tubing on the wheel, however do not use mineral

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EDITORIAL

We have received several complaints concerning our "no bids will be reduced" rule. The major reason for this rule is an attempt to keep the prices down. I know this sounds strange coming from one who is going to profit from higher prices, but look at it from another point of view.

An auctioneer states that he will reduce bids to 10% over the 2nd high bid. You really want an item that is worth only \$75. So, you bid \$300, planning on having your bid reduced. Some one else has the same idea, but bids \$290. You are left holding the bag at \$300.

And what about the auctioneer? You bid \$300, and the under bid is only \$75. If he reduces your bid to 10% over the 2nd high bid, he loses over \$200. Mighty tempting to not reduce the bid.

While I am sure that most dealers will reduce bids as they state, I am equally sure that there are others that do not.

I feel that this is one of the reasons that Alaskan tokens are selling so high at times. Granted that there is good competition for good pieces, but I am really suspicious of some of the \$300+ sales.

At this point, we have not had bids from a couple of strong bidders. I'm sure that the no reduction rule is one reason. As I write this there is 12 days to closing, so these may still come in. The current bids have been from very low to moderately to very high. We had a bid of \$175 on the Electric, lot #7, so you can see that it hurt withdrawing it. But it would hurt more, credibility-wise, to sell it having the information in the next column. While some have a "caveat emptor" philosophy, we prefer to help educate.

THE ELECTRIC & TOTEM TOKENS: A POSSIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION.

Regarding "The Electric" and the "Totem" tokens, the following should be taken into consideration. They could both be stock slot machine tokens. Many large early slot machines (1890's to 1900's) were electricly operated and sometimes were referred to as "Electrics", so "The Electric" could refer to such a machine, which paid out the 50¢ token as a jackpot. The 21mm size of tokens with such denominations over 12½¢ is typical of early slot machine payout tokens.

The Totem token could maybe be related to slot machines made by or sold by the Totem Mfg. Co. of Calgary, Alberta. They issued tokens reading Totem Mfg. Co. There were also slot machines named Totem. But your totem token is different in appearance. It could be a specially ordered token by some Alaskan business for their Totem slot mashine.

-Stephen P. Alpert

THE ELECTRIC TOKEN WITHDRAWN FROM AUCTION.

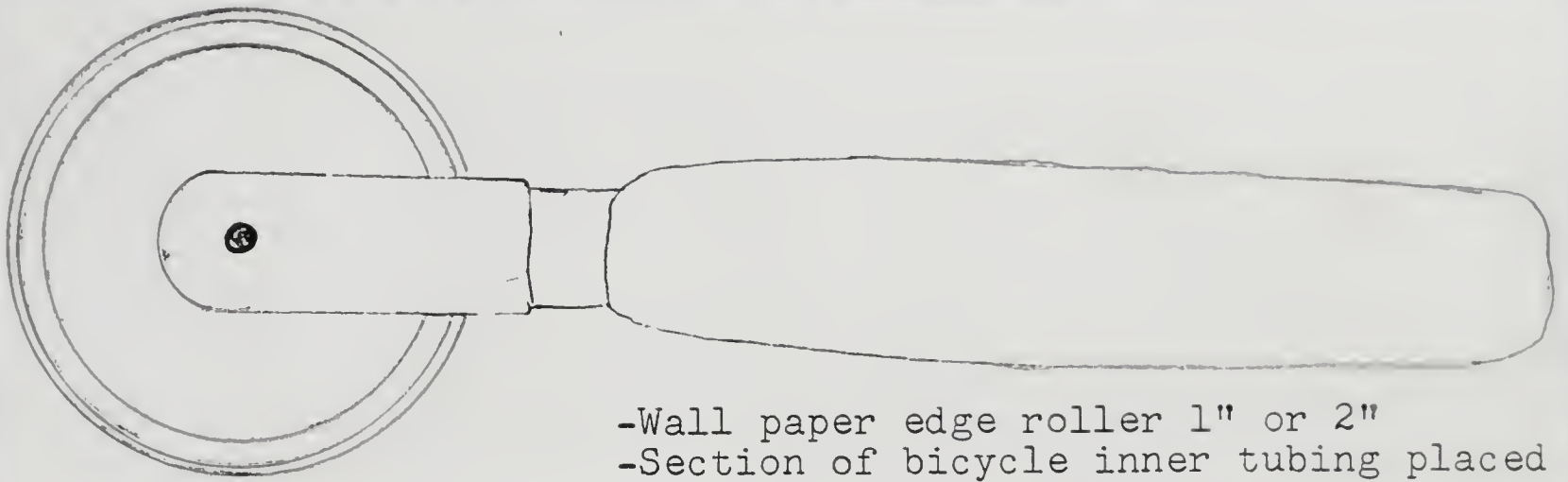
It is because of the above information that The Electric has been withdrawn from our Mail Bid #1, closing date Dec. 29.

With this information in hand we felt that it was not fair to the bidders to accept their bids. It will be offered again at a later date when prospective bidders will have the above information available.

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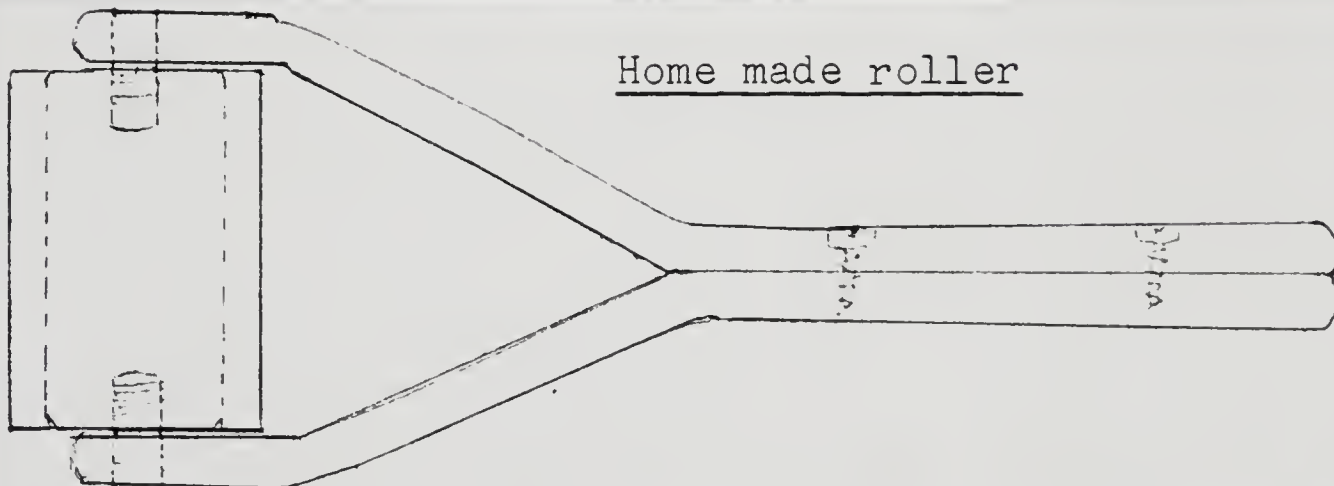
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ROLLER RUBBINGS, cont.



- Wall paper edge roller 1" or 2"
- Section of bicycle inner tubing placed over roller wheel.

oil as this will perish the plastic and the rubber; use a vegetable or cooking oil if this is necessary. Use a piece of tubing wider than the wheel so this can be trimmed after it is in place. It is not necessary to rivet the pin when replaced as it may be that you will wish to remove it again. Just tape over the unfired end of the pin when in place.



Home made roller

- $\frac{1}{2}$ " inside diameter hard rubber air hose approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
- metal core, tapped and threaded for two bolts
- 2 bolts $\frac{1}{4}$ " or $\frac{3}{16}$ " diameter.



Naturally, a good home made roller is best if you are handy with tools and have access to the right equipment needed. The consistency of the rubber is very important, and a good section from a sturdy compressed air hose seems best. Use a $\frac{1}{2}$ " inside diameter hose piece, which should be about 1" outside diameter. A solid core will be needed with 2 holes tapped and threaded for bolts that are inserted and then cut off to provide spindles for the roller.
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ROLLER RUBBINGS, cont.

In time a simpler method of making a roller will be found, so the best way for now is to use the wallpaper roller.

Onion skin is the best light paper that we have found so far, but is not the final answer as it is a bit glassy and does not retain the carbon as well as desired. The carbon should be a good grade of pencil carbon paper; you may have to try several brands before getting the satisfaction you want. Cut your onion skin and carbon paper to $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{5}{8}$ "; this is easily done by folding it twice and then cutting with a sharp knife.

To make the rubbing, the token is placed in the holder, on the tape. The onion skin is placed on top of the token, and the carbon paper is placed on top of the onion skin. The holder is then closed, and you are ready to make a rubbing using the roller.

This method of making rubbings is very simple but to get good results considerable trial and error is involved, and in addition, a lot of patience. Rubbings should be photocopied before mailing or handling too much as the carbon dusts off if agitated.

FAIRBANKS-WHITEHORSE SLED DOG RACE

A 1000 mile sled dog race from Fairbanks to Whitehorse is scheduled to start on Feb. 25th. The race will go from Fairbanks to Chena Hot Springs to Circle Hot Springs to Circle, and then down the Yukon River to Eagle, Dawson City, Carmacks, and Whitehorse. This race will approximate the trail used by mushers between the two cities during the gold rush. More information will follow in the next issue of ATC & PN.

GREENLAND TRADE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Previously rare trade certificates used in Greenland during World War II are now available from Folkettingets Gronlandsfond, Denmark's Ministry for Greenland.

The Certificates were issued on June 24, 1941. They were meant to protect Greenland's fragile economy from the more affluent troops stationed there during the war. While a good idea, it did not work and the notes were in circulation until October 28, 1942, and the deadline for conversion was November 31, 1942.



The certificates were issued in three denominations: 1 Skilling (red), 5 Skilling (blue) and 20 Skilling (green). The notes were printed in the U.S. on heavy white paper with a watermark across the sheet "Made in U.S.A."

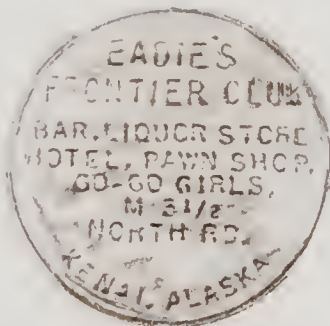
Approximately 1200 sets, along with some extra 20 Skilling notes are available. Collectors may order complete uncirculated sets, slightly circulated sets, or packets of four 20 Skilling notes. All are priced at 172 Danish Kroner each (approximately U.S. \$17.85), which includes postage and registration.

Orders may be sent to Folkettingets Gronlandsfond, P.O. Box 332, DK-2830 Virum, Denmark. Payment should be made to Postal Giro: Copenhagen 151 07 54.

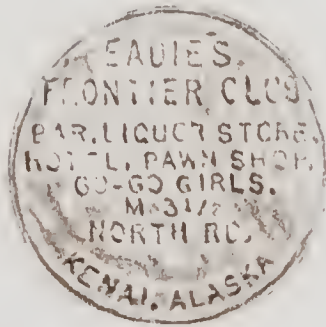
FOR THE RECORD



EAGLE RIVER, AK: The Bar, 1982, eagle depicted. Rev. Good for one drink, a map of Alaska, with a star, and "The Bar" across it. Brass, 33mm.



KENAI, AK: Eadie's Frontier Club. Drink \$3.00, Forget me not, 1952 1978, all on map of Alaska. Rev. Eadie's Frontier Club, Bar, Liquor Store, Hotel, Pawn Shop, Go-Go Girls, M 3 1/2 North Road, Kenai, Alaska. Brass, 32mm



KENAI, AK: Eadie's Frontier Club. Black Gold Coin, Drink \$3.00, 27th anniversary, 1952 to 1979. Reverse is the same as above. Brass, 33mm.



(WRANGELL, AK): Thomas Dalgity, Star Cigar Store, Good for 10¢ in trade. Alum., 26mm. Is this number B-2A in Alaska Tokens?

(JUNEAU, AK); AH. King, B-38, A,B,C. An Ah King is listed in the Seattle directories as Chinese Mdse as late as 1918. Note that on the token it is AH., not A.H. This was a Chinese name, not initials.

(submitted by Lew Egnew)

(KATALLA, AK); Robert Ashland, B-1A is also listed in Seward in 1918 as "Robt. Ashland - Soda water, etc."

(Submitted by Lew Egnew)

(CHICHAGOFF, AK); Sing Lee (see ATC & PN June, 1983) was also in business in Petersburg in 1914, listed as "Gen. Mdse."

(Submitted by Lew Egnew)

The above proves that mavericks have got to be the most fun and the most controversial of all tokens!

PRICE REALIZED, MAIL BIDD #1.

Lot 01- 59.00	Lot 06- 35.00
Lot 02-209.70	Lot 07-*withdrawn
Lot 03- 85.00	Lot 08- 12.00
Lot 04- 85.00	Lot 09-269.50
Lot 05- No bid	Lot 10-199.60

* Lot withdrawn. See page 3.

THE "GAME OF FAIRBANKS".

If you have ever played and enjoyed a good game of Monopoly, you'll love the game of Fairbanks. The game was produced by the College Lions Club, and proceeds go to support community projects in the Fairbanks area.

Over 30 merchants purchased the spaces, so instead of trading Park Place and Boardwalk, you will be trading The Club Shop (yup, that's NSA, Inc.) and Lens Unlimited.

Price \$9.95, plus \$2 shipping.

For those involved with organizations like the Lions, this is an excellent fund raiser. Address of the producer is enclosed.



ANTONIO POLET
MERCHANT OF NOME
from
NOME AND SEWARD PENINSULA
by
E.S. HARRISON, 1905

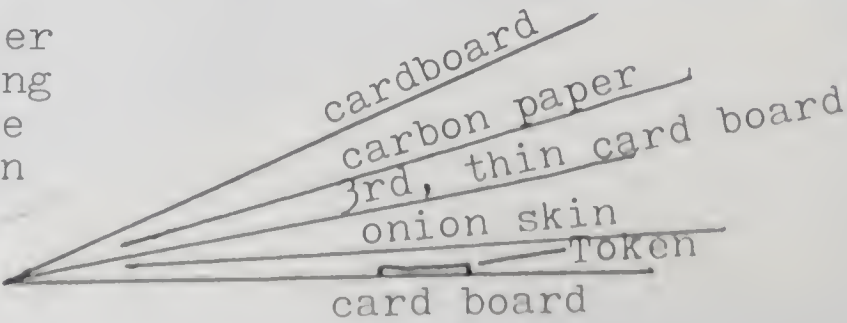


This young man is a merchant of Nome, and while his business may not be so extensive as some of the larger concerns, it is conducted on lines that some day will place him in the position of a merchant of prominence. He is a native of Calabria, Italy, and was born April 29, 1881, and went to America with his parents in 1892, locating in Seattle. When he was fifteen years old he began his business career, his first venture being the purchase of a cigar store with money that he had earned and saved following the trade of a boot-black. By close application to business and economy he added to his little store of wealth. Realizing the need of a better commercial education he disposed of his business and took a course in Wilson's Modern Business College. After graduating he came to Nome in 1900 with a stock of groceries, and in partnership with Frank Aquino (ed. note-see Juneau B-3) established the Snake River Grocery. In the fall of 1900 Mr. Polet bought his partner's interest and is now the sole proprietor of the business.

I know this young man and I admire the pluck and courage by which he has attained his present position. He is honest, and his business methods are of the kind that will lead him on to greater success.

(The above biography is from the book, Nome and Seward Peninsula, Souvenir Edition, History, Description, Biographies and Stories; copyrighted 1905. This book contains 186 biographies of prominent men of Nome in 1905. If you need information on anyone from Nome in this era, please write and I will try to help)

Les Hill has written with a further refinement on his holder for making roller rubbings. Sketch is at the right. This helps keep the carbon paper away from the onion skin.



EDITORIAL

Having a free month is something that I am not quite sure what to do with. I'm so unsure, that this is almost ready to go out the 1st of February.

As I type this, I have 5 pages set to go, and will have at least 2 more. I am hesitant to put out a nine page newsletter, for fear of coming up short in future issues. But with generous, sharing readers like you, why should I worry? Why I bet that at least five have articles in mind, and some have even promised them, and just not had the time.

Well, now is the time. Harold Fossum sent in a very neat news item from 1897. There is a request for information on a gold sheriff's badge from Lou Rasera. These two items are just a couple of examples that many of you have available that others would find interesting.

Now, those of you that collect stock certificates- I need your help. I am trying to put together a listing of Alaska and Yukon stock certificates. What I need now is a listing of what you have. Those with items that are unknown to me, or that I do not have an illustration of, will be requested (not required) to send them in so I can photograph them. I will cover postage both ways. This could be a very interesting piece of research. Those contributing at least a listing will receive a free copy of whatever the outcome is. It may be a supplement to ATC&PN, or it may be something that I will charge a nominal fee for. Regardless, those contributing will get a free copy. I've already started the photography, so let me hear from you.

Hope all of you find something interesting in this issue.

FOUNDERS OF ALASKA STATEHOOD MEDAL



Festival Fairbanks 84 commissioned V.H. Blackinton of Attleboro Falls, Mass. to strike 75 medals for the founders of Alaska statehood. Of the 75, 68 were for the founders and 7 for presentation to state and local museums.

The medal (enlarged above) is 39mm and struck in pure .999 silver. It is attached to a yellow-blue-yellow neck ribbon, and accompanied by a small yellow-blue-yellow bar (5mm x 18mm).

None were available to anyone other than those mentioned above.

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COUNTERFEITING IN ALASKA

From a Douglas, Alaska newspaper, March 10, 1897.

... for some time the Treadwell (Mining) Company has issued green cardboard checks worth \$2 each in trade at its store, but also used in general circulation on both sides of the channel. Local merchants were startled to learn this week that some of the checks have been counterfeited, and the counterfeits circulated locally. The bogus checks are a little lighter green than the genuine ones, and the signature of Superintendent Duncan is poorly reproduced.....

Anyone out there ever hear of an earlier account of counterfeiting in Alaska?

(submitted by Harold Fossum)



GOLD SHERIFF BADGE FIND

Weight: Approximately 2 oz.
2 gold nuggets each side of inlaid enamel, multi-colored maple leaf.
Obverse; Sheriff, Yukon Ter.
Reverse; "Presented to R.J. Eilbeck, the first Sheriff of the Yukon Territory by Thomas Chishom 1901."

Manufacturer; J.L. Sale Co.

My research on these two men from Yukon Archives in Whitehorse indi-

GOLD SHERIFF BADGE, cont.

cate John Eilbeck was the Deputy Sheriff of the Yukon Territory for at least ten years (1902-1912) and had retired in 1915. He was granted the power of attorney to the Bank of British North America in 1911, effective until February, 1912. He had a mining claim on Last Chance Creek, registered March 7, 1901.

Thomas Chisholm was listed in the Yukon Gazetteer of 1902 as the proprietor of Chisholms Saloon and the Aurora Saloon. He was an expansive promoter who took advantage of the wealth which the miners unearthed and sold them a lot of the "necessities" at slightly inflated levels. It was said that he died penniless at the Peace River in 1936. He had also staked a claim on Dominion Creek September 11, 1905.

Any other information on these men would be appreciated. Please write to:

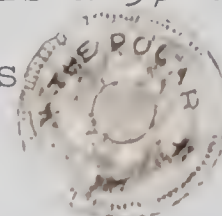
Lou Rasera
Box 403
Woodland Hills, CA 91365

NEW "POLAR" ITEMS.



A different variety of the Polar Bear has turned up. Illustrated above, the one that was in the Nov. 1982 ATC&PN had a large "propeller" ornament, while the new one has a smaller ornament.

The other new item is a 5¢ token from "The Polar". This is a 21mm brass token with central hole, very similar to the Polar Bear tokens.



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The portion of the sheet shown is from May of 1982. The printing is brown, with a yellow background on the top portion. The coupon portion is white with a yellow underprint. The paper is watermarked with an oval within an oval, and a "2". For more information, see ATC&PN, 11/79.

The Hudson Bay Co., after an absence of 115 years is considering a return to Alaska. In 1822, the Hudson Bay Co. claimed the territory of Alaska, but relinquished its claims in 1825 after receiving major concessions from the Russians. The Company did not leave Alaska entirely until after the purchase of Alaska by the U.S. in 1867. Until that time, they maintained a trading post at Fort Yukon. They abandoned Fort Yukon in 1869.

The dog sled race from Fairbanks to Whitehorse has been named the "Yukon Quest". This years inaugural race will start in Fairbanks, then the starting point will alternate between Fairbanks and Whitehorse.

Buttoning Up for Rondy

Story and photo by Henry S. Kaiser, Jr.

In mid-February the Anchorage area is ruled by Rondy — the famous Fur Rendezvous celebration that reminds Alaskans in many delightful ways that winter is on the wane and spring is just around the corner.

Back in the thirties, in territorial days, the festival began with sled dog races, a fur auction, a qucen contest, and a miners' and trappers' ball. Every year saw new events added until today Rondy hosts literally hundreds of colorful events, with countless community service clubs and organizations joining in to guarantee bigger and better celebrations.

During the 1940 festival, the first Fur Rendezvous buttons were made and sold. Although some people claim that buttons were issued before 1940, none have been found.

During the war years, 1942 through 1945, no buttons were produced. Those made during the late forties and the fifties are quite rare. Many of them were handmade from caribou antler (1962), ceramics (1963 and 1965) and fur (1968).

Perhaps a dozen years ago, the public started collecting buttons in earnest, and soon there was demand for two buttons for each year's festival. Thus was born the collector's button, along with the regular booster button, for the 1973 Rondy and each festival since then.

Demand for the buttons increases steadily. In 1983 at least 60,000 booster buttons sold for \$1.50 apiece, and the same number of collector buttons for \$4.00 apiece. The Fur Rendezvous committee helps many local clubs and public service groups raise money for their programs each year by having them sell booster and collector buttons. The Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Audubon Society, and the Anchorage Hockey Association are just a few of the



Ed Carlson's collection of Fur Rendezvous buttons includes a moose head (second from left, third row from bottom) made of a round wooden button and a real moose "nugget" with painted eyes glued on and pipe-cleaner antlers.

organizations which benefit regularly from this project.

Design of the booster button is a community-wide enterprise. Each year all sixth grade students in the Anchorage schools are encouraged to enter a design for the next year's booster button. The winner's design is chosen by the Fur Rendezvous committee, with appropriate awards.

The collector button design is picked from several that are entered each year by local artists and designers.

Longtime Anchorage residents who browse through their jewelry or knick-knack boxes sometimes suddenly realize they have become collectors of Rondy buttons. During each Rondy, at least one button auction for trading, buying, and selling draws two hundred to three hundred serious collectors who are trying to find buttons missing from their collections. Occasionally a collection covering 20 to 30 years is offered for sale. I saw one fellow write a check for \$1,200 for a collection numbering just over 20 years' worth of buttons. He needed certain buttons of that collection, and would use the others for trading and selling at future auctions.

Hard-core collectors buy quantities of buttons when they first go on sale and hide them away for use in trading in years to come. Many collectors estimate the value of their collections at \$5,000 or more.

Recent years have seen an increase in the production of related items, collectibles such as belt buckles, tie tacks, charms, medallions, commemorative envelopes, plates, key rings, bracelets, money clips, and spoons; but buttons remain the favorite and the most valued.

Some years down the line, a slice of caribou antler stamped Anchorage Fur Rendezvous, 1962, might well be worth many thousands of dollars. Just recently I read that a 1920 political campaign button for candidate James M. Cox and his running mate, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, sold for \$33,000!

Button, button, who's got the button. . .?□

Lifelong Alaskan Henry S. Kaiser, Jr., is a free-lance photographer now retired after years of teaching school in Nenana and Anchorage and working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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NEW MEDALS FROM N.S.A., INC

In December of 1982, we introduced our White Pass and Yukon medal, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, struck in uniface bronze.

Pictured on this page are our next two medals. Medalllic Art Co. has set a shipping date of March 22nd.

The first is a harbor view of Skagway, showing 3 long docks, the town and the "AB" mountain. This scene is very similar to that found on many postcards.

The second medal depicts three men in a Peterboro canoe shooting the Whitehorse Rapids. This scene is virtually identical to scenes seen on older postcards, and they were undoubtedly done from the same original photo.

As with our White Pass and Yukon Railroad medal, only 100 will be struck in uniface bronze. These are massive medals and are very impressive. The dies date from approximately 1910 to 1930. We believe they were used for souvenir ashtrays, but have seen only one ashtray from the eight dies that we have. The other dies that we have are "Alaskan Express" (a dog team die), The Greek Church at Sitka, harbor views of Petersburg and Wrangell, and a steam ship by Taku Glacier. This last die is the one that we have seen an ashtray from.



Purchasers of the White Pass & Yukon medal have all been notified and those wishing to place advanced orders have done so. The remainder of the medals are being offered to the general public.

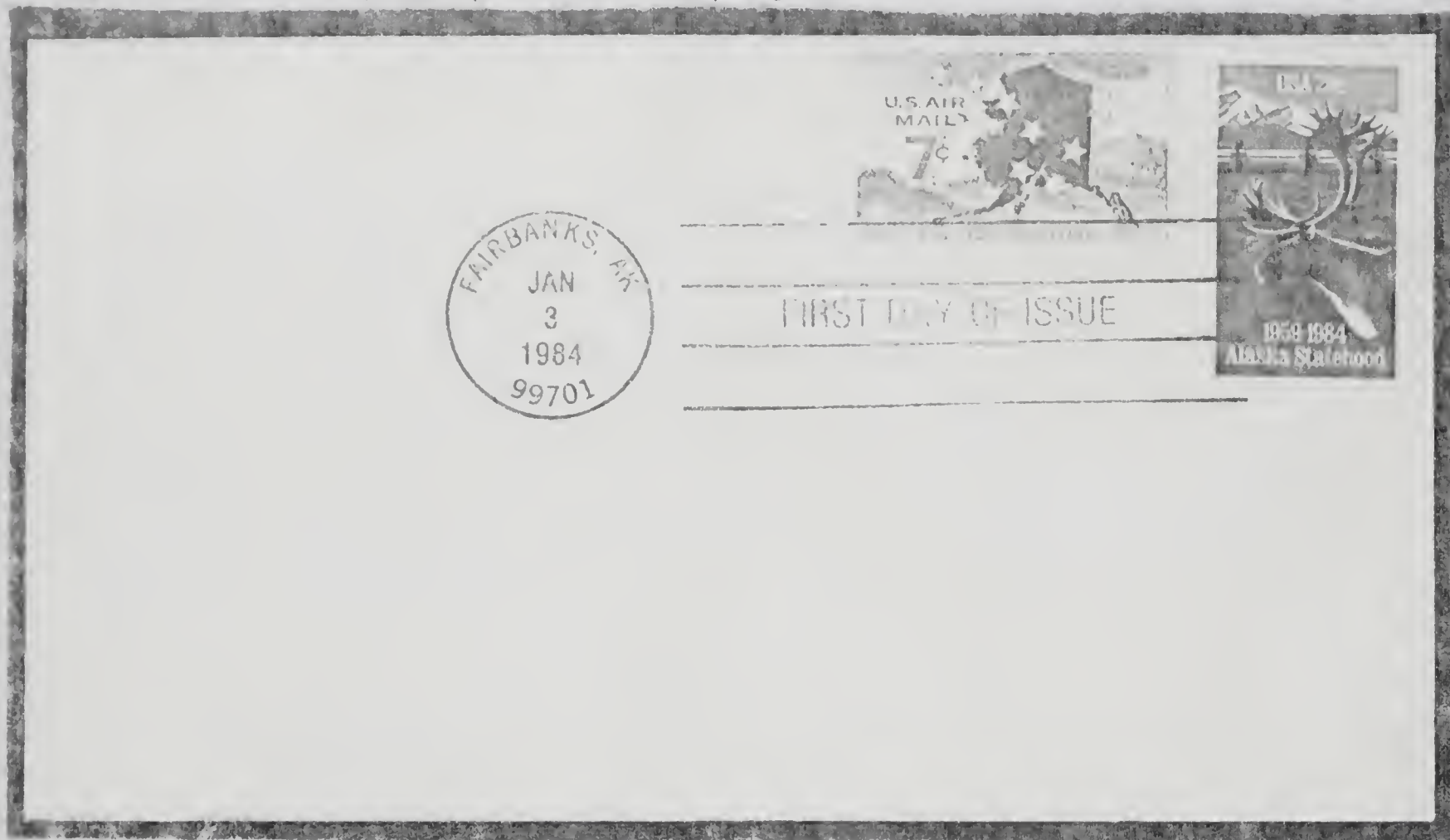
If you would like to order, the price is \$45.00 per medal, postpaid to the U.S. and Canada. Payment in U.S. funds only, please. Those ordering both medals will receive matching serial numbers when ever possible.

Please send your orders to N.S.A., Inc. P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99707. Your medals will be shipped as soon as they arrive from Medalllic Art Co.

Order now to avoid disappointment!

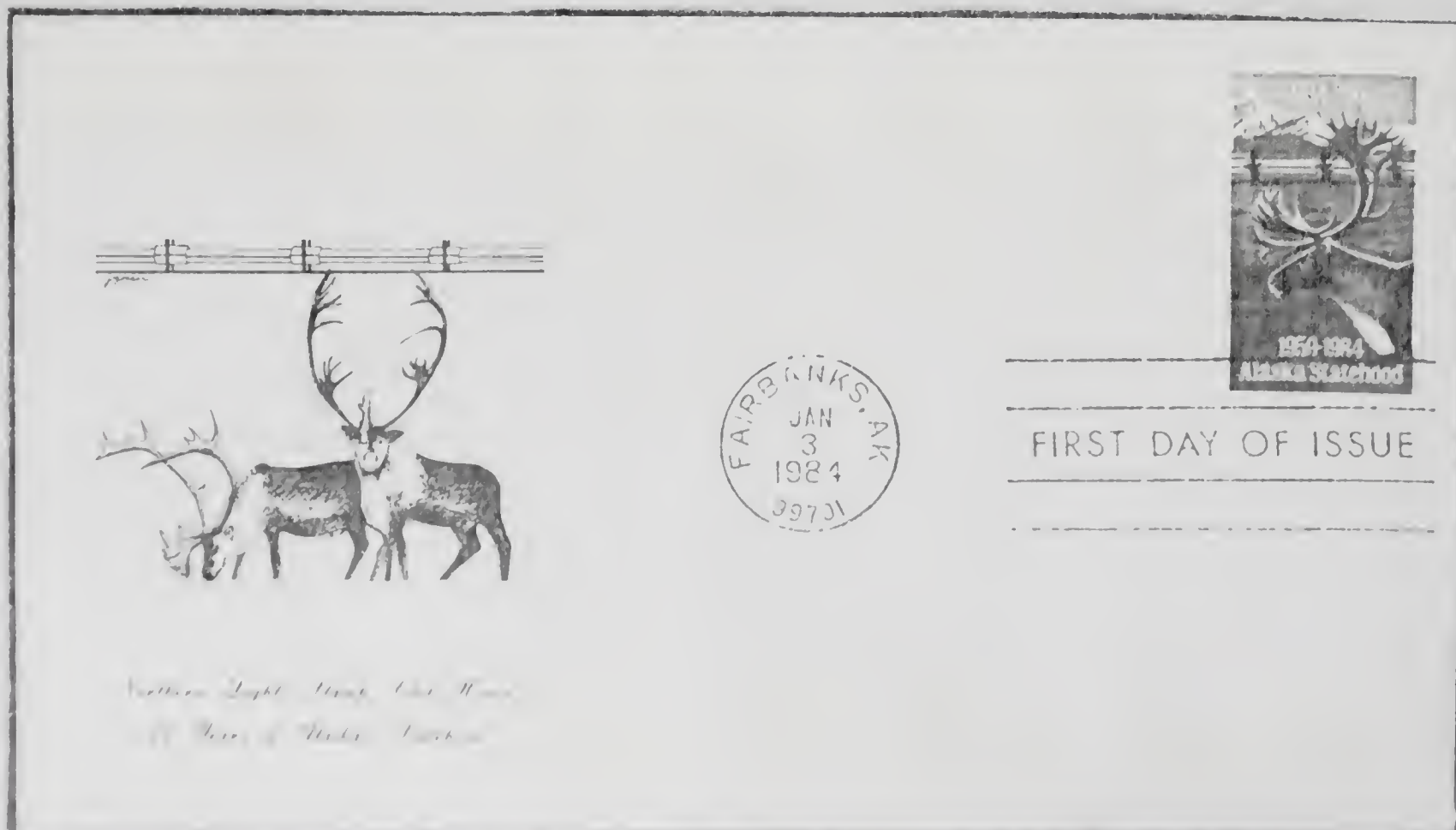
ALASKA STATEHOOD FIRST DAY COVERS

First Day covers of the new commemorative Alaska Statehood stamp are available from N.S.A., Inc. for the following prices: a) 1-20¢ stamp on cover- 85¢; b) as a, but with 1959, 7¢ airmail- \$1.50, below.



Please include either a large, SASE or \$1 for postage and insurance with your order. Order from N.S.A., Inc., P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

Also available, Northern Lights Stamp Club, Cachet FDC, below. \$2, terms as above.



YUKON QUEST SLED DOG RACE

The Northern Lights Stamp Club
Salutes the First Running of the



OFFICIAL RACE COVER
SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION

Carried by Dog Team

Illustrated above is the official race cover for the Yukon Quest, a sled dog race that will go from Fairbanks to Chena Hot Springs to Circle Hot Springs to Circle down the Yukon to Eagle, Dawson, Carmacks and finally to Whitehorse.

These are available in two varieties: the Special Limited Edition, numbered and carried by dog team to Whitehorse. The covers will be cancelled in Fbks with the Alaska Statehood stamp, and in Whitehorse with a yet to be determined Canadian stamp. These are limited to 500 covers, and are priced at \$4.00 each.

The other is identical to the above, but without the special designation, and is cancelled only in Fbks. These are only \$1.50 each.

Orders should be addressed to the Northern Lights Stamp Club, c/o Hal Draper, 2820 Riverview Dr., Fairbanks, AK 99701. All orders should include an SASE.

IDITAROD TRAIL BLAZERS FDC



The cachet above was used on an FDC produced by the Iditarod Trail Blazers, Box 1923, Seward, AK 99664. Price is \$2.50 plus SASE large enough to hold a legal size envelope.



Yukon Quest Sled Dog Race button is blue and gold on white. Available from NSA, Inc. for \$3 plus SASE.

FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: Barnette Elementary School, Christmas Bazaar, 1983, white on green plastic, 41mm. Available from NSA, Inc. for \$1 plus SASE.



FAIRBANKS: Alaskan Dairies Hist. Society, Silver Anniversary of Statehood, 1959-1984. White on silver plastic. Available from A.D.H.S., P.O. Box 1332, Fairbanks, AK 99707 for \$1 and SASE.



ODIAK: W. Storey, no denomination, Moise, SF (manufacturer) below Alaska. 21 mm brass. Listed token of W. Storey is 24mm.



(PRUDHOE BAY): And probably from other locations; Sohio Alaska, brass tool check. 38mm with 6mm hole at 12 o'clock. (Illustrated at the bottom of left column).



(General): PKS (Peter Kiewit Sons' Co.), Safety Dollar. "This dollar can be exchanged for safety incentive awards". Nickel-silver, 38mm.



MAVERICK: Monte Carlo, 404 5th Ave So., Cigar Store. 6 1/4¢ in trade. brass, 21mm.

DAWSON DAILY NEWS, JUNE 27, 1912.

SOME OF NEW GOLD COINS ARE IN THE CITY

The first of the new Canadian five dollar and ten dollar gold coins to be seen here have just arrived in the city. They were minted in Ottawa, and brought to the city by E. N. Stockton, of the auditor's department. Mr Stockwell has turned over a few of the coins to J.L. Sale & Co. who have them on display in the window. On one side is the likeness of King George, and on the other side the Canadian coat of arms.

SELLING ALASKAN TOKENS? THINK OF N.S.A., INC. We are always in the market to buy a single piece or a complete collection.



THE TANANA HOTEL
DAWSON, Y.T.



The fire of September 23, 1904 did over \$200,000 worth of damage, primarily in the "hotel center." Seven hotels were destroyed. Among those burned out were John Zaccarelli, fruit merchant (see ATC&PN May, 1982) and Andy Rystogi. All were uninsured.

In the worst fire since 1899, Andy Rystogi lost two buildings valued at \$7,000. But in less than three months, he had built the Tanana Hotel and leased it to John Borland. The Tanana Hotel opened to the public on December 7, 1904, with great fanfare, as the article from the Dawson Daily News attests (12/10/04):

"The new Tanana Hotel erected on the site of the recent fire on 3rd Ave. near Queen St. was opened to the public on Wednesday evening under most favorable circumstances. A large crowd was present and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The arrangement and furnishings of the hotel was admired by all.

Mr. John Borland, the proprietor, is a hotel man of many years experience. He understands all the wants of guests and has arranged every detail for their comfort. The rooms are large, light and heated by hot air. The furnishing throughout is new and the best that could be secured. The new hotel is a credit to Dawson and has already impressed favorably in the minds of the public, there by insuring its success."

No ads or articles of interest appear for two years. Then, on December 22, 1906, "Not having sufficient room in my present location to accomodate the increasing business," Borland announces he has purchased the Metropole and that it would be the new Tanana Hotel.

Less than a month later, on January 14, 1907, Borland announces the grand opening of his new place, the Occidental Hotel. In the same issue of the Dawson Daily News, Andy Rystogi is announcing the grand re-opening of the Tanana Hotel! There seems to have been a falling out of leasor and leasee. Apparently, Andy Rystogi won at least the battle for the name. Similar ads for the Tanana Hotel and the Occidental Hotel appear in the Dawson Daily News daily, until August 31, 1907, when the last ad for the Tanana Hotel appeared. No further ads were found.



EDITORIAL

Advertising. We have been asked on several occasions to accept paid (and unpaid) advertising. We have declined most offers, except where we felt that the ad itself offered some information over and above the items offered for sale.

Is it time to change this policy? Or would you rather see this newsletter remain free of advertising (except our own, of course!).

If you would like to see advertising, in what form should it be? Should we have classifieds? Full, half, quarter and eighth page ads?

Should the ads be segregated from the informational part of the newsletter, or should these parts be mixed? Should we limit the amount of advertising in each issue? If so, should it be half or or equal to the number of information pages? Or should we print all ads received for that issue?

How much is all this worth to those of you potential advertisers? Would really like some feedback on these ideas.

If we do decide to accept advertising, one thing is certain. It will be available to paid (or contributing) subscribers, only.

You know, one form of advertising that is available to all that is overlooked is an article or space-filler with your name on it. An article indicates that you have at least some specialized knowledge of a specific area. Short space fillers are always interesting. And a request for information not only puts your name out to other readers but it may also net some interesting information. And all of these methods of advertising is FREE.

BIRTHS

A belated congrats to Dick and Kandi Powell on the birth of their son Sammuel Glenn, a new year's day baby. Sammuel Glenn weighed in at 7 pounds and 12 oz.

ADOPTIONS

Eun Joon Lee, now Kenton Richard Hanscom, to Jan and Dick Hanscom on January 19, 1984, a few days shy of his first birthday.

(OK, so this is not numismatic information. Tough! The new parents are entitled to a little bragging)

PRICES REALIZED

Eielson 2C	7.75
Elmendorf 1A	6.30
2A	3.65
2B	1.60
Fairbanks 35C	20.60
Juneau 47B II	12.50
Kivalina 1A	6.15
Mountain Village 1A	4.10
Murphy Dome 1A	2.65
Palmer 1D	25.32
1G	46.92
Shemya 1D	4.10
2A	3.75
2E	3.75
2H	3.75
Teller 3A	3.85

Contributed by Ron Benice

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WANTED TO BUY-ALL YUKON MATERIAL

FALKLAND ISLANDS

In answer to our inquiries concerning the monetary aspects of the Argentine occupation of the islands we have received a letter from the Financial Secretary.

During the occupation, regular Argentine currency was used at the rate of 20,000 pesos to the Pound. "Owing to strong insistance by us Falkland Islands coins and currency notes remained in circulation as normal." After liberation, the British Government purchased the Pesos at the same rate imposed on the islanders.

TRADE BEADS IN GREENLAND



Glass trade beads were a favorite medium of exchange in North America and it seems also in Greenland. Among a set of three stamps set for issue in Greenland on March 19th is one depicting trade beads. The description accompanying the order form attests to the importance of trade beads to early Greenland's economy:

"The ships of the time of discovery saw many whales in the Greenlandic waters, and towards the end of the century the first whaler ships were seen in the Davis Strait.

Glass pearls were among the goods brought to Greenland. The pearl exist today as archaeological relics from a time when they were the hard currency of Greenland."

"ALASKA" TOKENS

Just because a token says "Alaska" on it does not mean that it is from Alaska.

The Alaska Club token from Seattle



makes this obvious by telling you it is from Seattle. But other tokens are more deceptive.



The Alaska Card room is from Portland, Oregon. To a new collector, this piece could be very deceiving.



One of the most deceptive pieces that I have seen is the Sourdough Lil's token "from" Skagway. This token is actually from a pancake house in Westport, Washington!

These are but a few examples of items that newcomers to the hobby may not be aware of. If you have others, please send rubbings and information (if you have any) to ATC&PN and we will run them.

Suggestions for a snappy title for this colume will also be considered.

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FOR THE RECORD



(JUALIN, AK): Brass tool check from Jualin Mining Co., 44 miles NW of Juneau, AK. 20mm flat to flat. 1896 to 1919. Holed.



(THANE, AK): Brass tool check from the Gastineau Mining Co. (A.G.M.Co.) four miles south of Juneau. 1912-1920. Several different shapes are known. Illustrated one is 32mm x 26mm, holed.



(TREADWELL, AK): Brass tool check from Alaska Treadwell Mining Co. 1889-1917. Number on reverse. 28mm, holed.



(TREADWELL, AK): Brass employee ID tag from the "700" mine, so-called because the property was 700 feet wide. One of the Treadwell group of mines. 1891-1917. 26mm square, holed.

(TREADWELL, AK): Brass tool check for Diamond Drill equipment removed from the Treadwell Mining Shops.



30mm, 8 scallops, holed.

The preceding 5 tool checks were submitted by Ray Mansfield.



MAVERICK: Amede Bernier, Good For 5¢ Over The Bar. Brass, 23mm. A different expression of value! (submitted by John Cheramy)

PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

Punta Arenas, Chile has a population of 67,600. It is located on the Strait of Magellan, across from the island of Tierra del Fuego. Sheep rancher tokens from Tierra del Fuego are known, probably making them the "farthest south" tokens in the world. Tokens from Punta Arenas, Chile must rate a very close second!



The token above is the only token we have seen from Punta Arenas. It is brass, 21mm. It is good for 20 Centavos in merchandise. The merchant's name was apparently Constantino, and Punta Arenas is the capital of the province of Magallanes (and Chilean Antarctica).

If any of you have information on this piece, we would appreciate hearing from you!

PRESIDENT REAGAN AND POPE JOHN PAUL II TO VISIT FAIRBANKS.

President Ronald Reagan will arrive in Fairbanks on May 1 and will lay-over to meet with Pope John Paul II on May 2.

An advance team has already come and gone. They met with local church and borough officials.

To commemorate the visit, NSA will have struck a 1 ounce silver medal. The obverse will have the portraits of the President and the Pope, while the reverse will be the silver anniversary die utilized on the medal below. Advance orders are being accepted at \$25.00 each until April 14th. Orders postmarked after this date will be accepted at the rate of \$30.00 per medal.

To order, please use the order blank below. Shipping date approx. 4/20/84.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY MEDAL

Below is our ad from the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner for our new Silver Anniversary medal. The obverse features the Big Dipper, while the reverse depict Denali (Mt. McKinley).

SILVER ANNIVERSARY MEDAL cont.

These medals are available for immediate shipment. To order, please use the order blank below.

WHITE HORSE RAPIDS AND SKAGWAY MEDALLIONS READY FOR SHIPMENT

Our large bronze uniface medallions have arrived and are available for shipment.

If you have not ordered these yet, this may be your last chance to do so. Please see page 11 of the March issue of ATC&PN.

To order, please use the order blank below.

PIERRE BERTON TO SPEAK AT U OF A COMMENCEMENT

Noted author Pierre Berton will receive an honorary Doctorate and be the main speaker at the commencement exercise at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

Mr. Berton is the author of Klondike, the Last Great Gold Rush; The Klondike Fever, and his latest book, The Klondike Quest, a Photographic Essay.

That raps it up for this month. Hope that there is something to interest all of you in this issue.

Lets have some feedback on the advertising idea, and on anything else that comes to mind.

And look over the offerings on this page. You might just find something of interest here!

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NEW SILVER ANNIVERSARY COIN



One Troy Ounce
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each

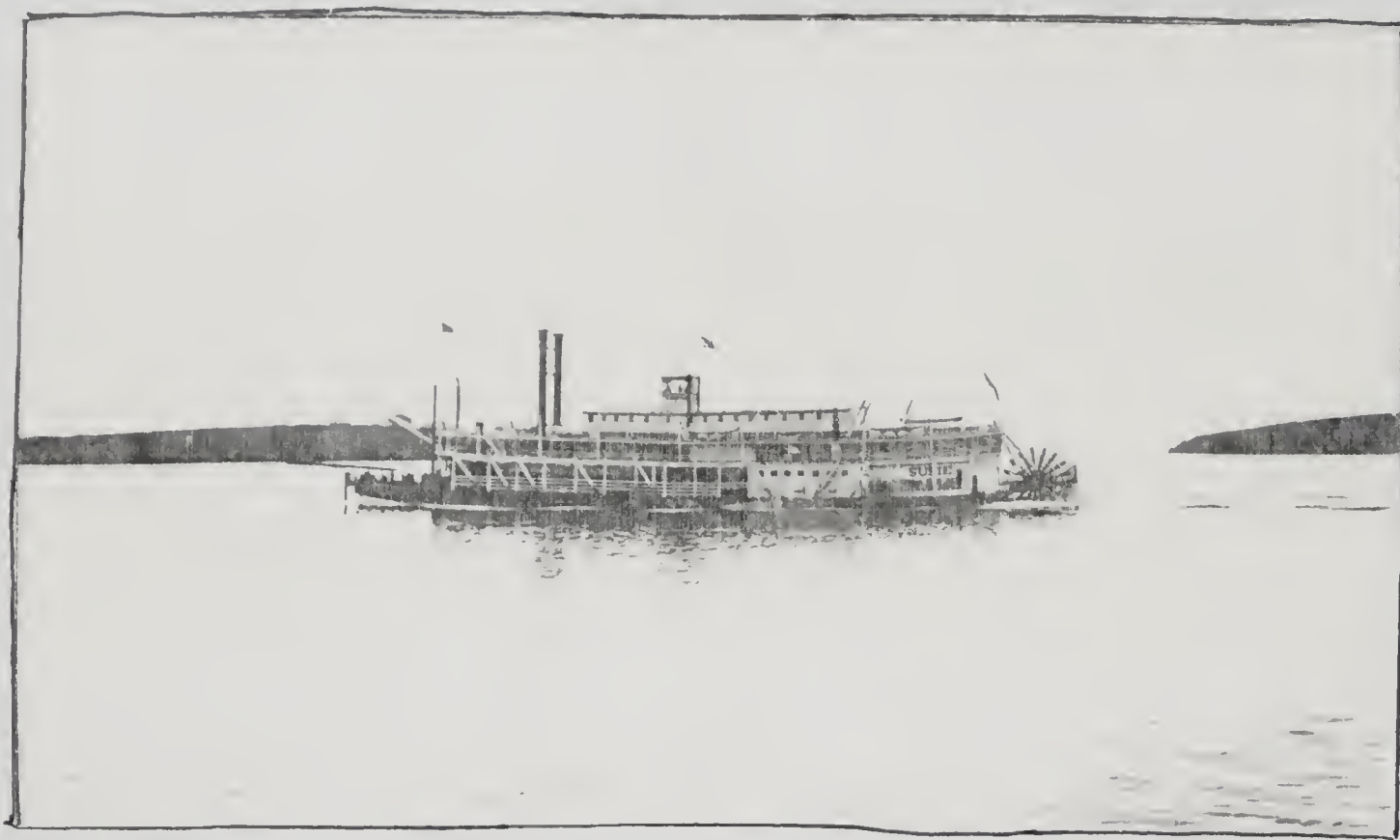
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ORDER BLANK: PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING;

SKAGWAY MEDAL, 3½" uniface bronze @ \$45.00

WHITE HORSE RAPIDS MEDAL, 3½" uniface bronze @ \$45.00



THE STEAMER SUSIE
&
HER TOKEN
by

Ralph R. Burry, F.C.N.R.S.
9359 Village Way
Sidney, B.C. Canada V8L 4K8



I have in my Yukon collection a brass token from the old Yukon sternwheeler, Susie, that plied the rivers of the Yukon and Alaska from the late 1890's until about the early 1920's. I have been very interested in old sternwheelers of the far north as I worked on them as a shipwright after the war in 1946 in the shipyards of the British Yukon Navigation Company in Whitehorse and Dawson, Y.T. As I was re-searching the old steamer Susie I came up with a very interesting old tale to tell.

The Steamer Susie was built in the spring of 1898 at the town of St. Michael, Alaska for the Alaska Commercial Company and was launched and christened by a Mrs. Susie Niebaum, who the ship was named after. There were three ships built at the same time and were sister ships to Susie, and were called the Str. Hanna and Str. Sarah.

These ships were built with all the luxuries of an oceangoing liner. Her staterooms and salons were something to see with all the beauty and trim of the old luxurious riverboats of the south. These rooms were called the "Blue Rooms" after the so-called Texas Staterooms. She was one of the larger riverboats in the north and was registered at 1130 tons.

The Str. Susie was used on the rivers of Alaska and the Yukon plying
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EDITORIAL

This month, we will clean out our files. Most of the material appears to pertain to transportation, so this is our un-official transportation issue.

Our thanks go to Ralph Burry for his article on the Steamer Susie. This article has also appeared in ATCO, so may look familiar to many of you.

The photo accompanying the article appears courtesy of Ric Thompson, Alaska Photographic Repair. Prints of photo 11 by 14 inches can be ordered through N.S.A. for \$25, plus \$2 postage and insurance. The photo on the front is from a contact print, which means to those not familiar with photography, the negative is the same size as the print.

The time for the President's and the Pope's visit is drawing near. It is anticipated that there will be more than 40,000 people at the airport. Hopefully, for those of you who are also stamp and postal history buffs, this will be cancelled with the special post office cancellation marking this event.

Our request for input on advertising was met with overwhelming apathy. We only received 4 letters, pretty much split. How about hearing from some more of you. Let us know what you think.

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PRICES REALIZED

Last month we ran some prices realized submitted by Ron Benice. Ron has asked us to advise readers that these were from a Steve Alpert auction. Sorry, Ron, that we forgot to mention that last month.

A lot described as a Yukon token die realized \$150.00 at auction. "Uniface Quint's token die from "Dawson Ice Co./Good for 10 lbs ice" VF. (\$75+)". Our sources on Yukon items have no information on this one. Can't help but be skeptical. Awful lot of folks out there named "Dawson".

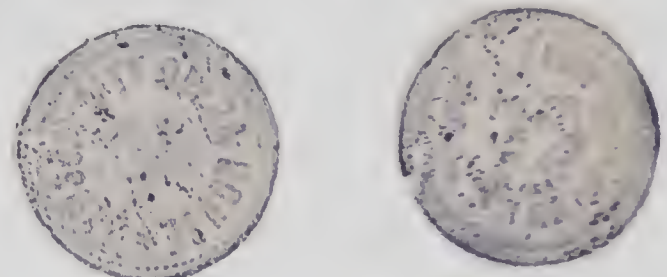
A Greenland token from Angmagssalik sold for \$105. This piece is a uniface zinc token, 500 øre denomination.

And finally, a medal for the Falkland Islands war realized \$250. This was issued to a member of the merchant marine. "With ribbon, large and small rosette. Unc in box of issue with brochures."

A photo of the Dawson Ice Co. die is below. It is on the dark side so may not reproduce.



FOR TRADE



DAWSON CITY OPERA HOUSE, 25¢ in trade. A dug token. The rubbing accurately represents the token.

For trade for Yukon item that I need of comparable value. Cash offers are courteously declined.

THE STEAMER SUSIE, cont.

between St. Michael and Fairbanks, Alaska and Dawson in the Yukon. Soon after she was built she took a barge of supplies weighing over 400 tons down the river to Dawson, Y.T. and landed in Dawson on August 9th, 1898. After a number of years the Alaska Commercial Co. sold the Susie to the Northern Navigation Company and it was at this time the small brass token was introduced. It is not known what the token was used for but it is suspected that it was a meal token. Similar tokens were used on other ships of the north for meals. The Hudson's Bay Co. used them on the McKenzie River and also in the far Arctic Ocean. After a few years, it is not known how many, the Susie was sold to the Alaska Yukon Navigation Company and they were the last owners. The Str. Susie ended her last days on the ways in the old shipyard in St. Michael, Alaska and the last time the old lady was seen she was a pile of rusted iron on the beach.

This token that I have plus one more in a collection in B.C. are the only two known by me and is considered very scarce. It is listed in the "Yukon Trade Tokens" by Leslie C. Hill and Scott A. Simpson as Yukon General, number Y034a. This token could also be classed as an Alaskan token as the major companies were Alaskan. It was used on the river in the Yukon around the turn of the century.

I have often wondered if Susie's sister ships, Hanna and Sarah ever used the same kind of token??

Description of token:

Obv. STR. SUSIE

Rev. Picture of house flag with
N.N.Co.

Brass, round, 21mm

WHITEHORSE TRANSIT



A neat logo, but no tokens. They do have VIP tickets and monthly passes, though.

Perhaps one of our Canadian readers should contact them and see if they could be persuaded

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH PUBLIC TRANSIT



A set of 12 commemorative tokens has been created by Centennial Creations for the F.N.S.B. transit system. Copies of their brochure are enclosed with this newsletter.

Initial mintage is 2000 of each token, with 200 of each being released through the transit system. These will be release throughout the year so that it will be very difficult to obtain all tokens from the transit system.

Centennial Creations are selling the sets for \$29.95 and \$39.95 for a framed set. N.S.A. Inc.'s price is \$20 for the plain set and \$35 for the framed set. Orders must include \$1 for postage. Use the order blank on the back page.

If you think that the quality of rubbings in this issue are better than usual, you're right. We can highly recommend the rubbing roller detailed by Les Hill in our January 1984 issue! Works great.

PARKING TOKENS/TICKETS

Diamond parking is managing several parking lots in Fairbanks. Two of the banks close to the lots are giving out tokens or tickets for free parking.



Frontier Savings and Loan is giving out a 30.5mm token, illustrated above. Obviously intended for use in Seattle.



Alaska National Bank, Main Office (Downtown) is giving out tickets as illustrated above. The tickets are 52mm by 25mm, printed black on purple. Rubber stamped on the back in red, "One Hour Free Parking WHILE BANKING".

Unfortunately, neither carry any indication that the banks are giving these to their customers.

THE 49th STATE?



The Great Market of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat is proclaimed on this brass advertising token as being the 49th State. Obviously, this predates Alaskan Statehood.

Arlie R. Slabaugh did a short article on this token in the May 1974 issue of Coins Magazine. In this article he brought up an important point.

The U.S. is becoming more urbanized, and conflict between the urban areas and the rural areas continues to grow. Are we headed for "City-States"? Some have suggested that New York City become the 51st state.

In Alaska we have a smaller version. In Fairbanks, the saying is "What Anchorage wants, Anchorage gets". Anchorage is the big city, with over half of Alaska's population. The representatives and senators from the Anchorage area could control the State Legislature.

What is the point of this discussion? None really, just food for thought, centered around a small piece of brass.

KLONDYKE ON MALTA



In Floriana, Malta, D.A. Wood had some sort of business establishment named "Klondyke". Any of you out there have any information?

The piece has no denomination, is uniface aluminum, 24mm.

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NEW RAILROAD IN TANANA VALLEY

A new railroad will begin running about June 2nd. Andy and Pamela Wescott have constructed a replica of the original Tanana Mines Railroad engine, along with 4 cars and a caboose, and a mile of track.

This is not, of course, a railroad to haul freight. This is a tourist railroad to haul passengers into the past. The train depot will be a mile up the Elliot Highway, and the train will run a mile to Little Eldorado Gold Camp. The El Dorado Express will provide yet another tourist attraction to the Fairbanks area.

And, who knows, maybe even a new transportation token!

"ALASKA" TOKENS



Ron Benice sent in the token above, the Alaska Cigar Store from Aberdeen, Washington. Ron also reminded us of the item below.



We ran an information request on this one in our June, 1979 issue (our second issue!). Can anyone provide more information on this one? We may have had some, but can't find any.

FOR THE RECORD



COUNCIL CITY, AK: The Totem Theatre, Good for 50¢ in trade. Alum., 29mm. (submitted by Alan Weinberg)

FOR THE RECORD, cont.

FAIRBANKS, AK: Fairbanks North Star Borough Transit System, One Fare.

Set of 12 privately produced tokens, brass, 28.5mm. Illustrated below with common reverse.

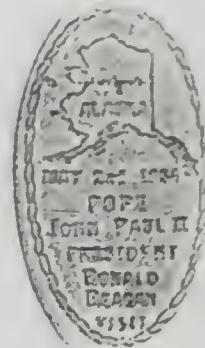
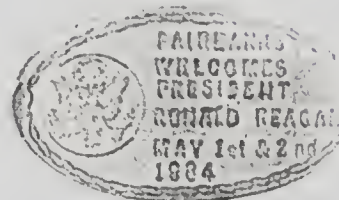
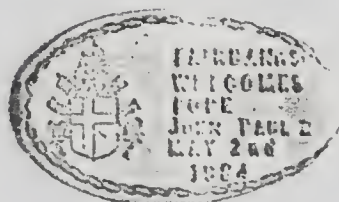
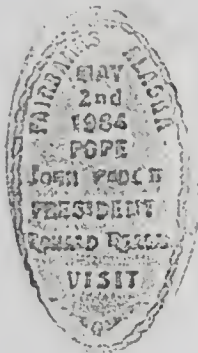


See also flier enclosed. Order blank below.

ELONGATED TOKENS IN ALASKA BLESSED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

by

Bert Samsa
611 Cowles St.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701



1984 is an historical year for the State of Alaska! We have been one of the great United States for a quarter of a century! I decided to do something to commemorate this year. I came up with the idea of an elongated token rolled on a Lincoln cent. While I was procrastinating, Fairbanks received word that President Reagan and Pope John Paul II's pathes would cross here, in Fairbanks, on May 2nd, at Fairbanks International Airport. There is now no more time for playing with this idea, it is time to act. I have about a month to get things ready.

Months ago I had written for information about a coin rolling machine. I quickly ordered the machine asking Frank Brazzell to send it by air as soon as possible.

As you might imagine, the logistics for this visit were awesome. Committees were wer up for everything. A Papal committee was set up to approve the protocol for the Pope's visit. They decided to have 13 concession stands at the airport. The Catholic Schools of Fairbanks were to get half of the profits from each of these concessions. I met with the committee, bringing with me 12 proposed designs for elongated tokens for them to choose from. I wanted a set of four different tokens. Fairbanks' Bishop Whelan sanctioned the token that says "Fairbanks welcomes the Pope and the President." The other three were okayed by the committe and I was assigned a booth.

I mailed off my designs to have the dies made, my rolling machine arrived, I designed a card to mount the tokens on and took that to a local print shop. Rush, rush, rush. The proofs arrive for the dies and they are not quite right. I correct them and send them back. Things seem to be coming together but time is marching on. Unfortunately, none of the Fairbanks banks have any 1984 cents so I was forced to call my brother-in-law in Anchorage to see if he can find any down there. David finds them and has them flown up. The proofs arrive and this time they are perfect. I make a phone call outside and the dies are ordered. Now the long wair for them to arrive here from the outside. Actually, it was excellent service; five days.

As soon as the dies arrive I immediately started squashing pennies. Horrors! all the backs are shiney, not a Lincoln to be seen, and I'm rolling "imported" 1984-D pennies for this occasion! This is not what I wanted or expected. I call Frank and he asked, "What are you paint-

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EDITORIAL

Your editor's personal thanks goes to Bert Samsa for his article on the elongated cents. This article adequately covered the President and Pope's visit to Fairbanks.

I only have a few things to add to what Bert had to say. I slept at the airport in my concession stand the night before the visit. I fell asleep at about 2AM, and only one other concessionaire was there. I was wondering most of the evening when the others would show up, especially Bert. So now I know.

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KLONDYKE MAVERICK



27mm



Aluminum

The Klondyke, W.A. Herzog, 5¢ I/T

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DAWSON CITY, YUKON HAS 1984 TRADE DOLLAR



Just before completing this issue, we received word that Dawson City will have a trade dollar this year noting the 1984 World Gold Panning Championship. We hope that by presstime that we will have an illustration.

The circulation pieces will be struck in Aureate Steel, a gold colored alloy. We hope to have one of these in the next day or so. Our main supply will take at least three weeks to get here.

Specimens in silver will also be available, but have not arrived in Dawson yet. Specimens in gold are being handled on a special order basis. So, delivery time on the silver pieces could be 3 to 6 weeks and we suspect that the gold will take at least 6 weeks.

Our prices are as follows: \$2 for the aureate steel; \$35 for the silver; and \$600 for the gold. As of 6/1/84, only 17 gold had been ordered. If you want a gold, please send payment separate from the other items you might order. This way if they have stopped taking orders, we can return your check. Customers without established credit please send a bank check not a personal check (on the gold only). If you have any questions, please call us at 907-452-6461.

The trade dollars are 33mm in diameter. The obverse legend reads "Klondyke '84 World Gold Panning Championship". The logo of the event is in the center. The reverse bears the city crest.

ELONGATED TOKENS, cont.

ing with?" Painting, I'm not painting with anything was my reply. Frank said, "I must have forgotten to tell you, you have to paint the backs before the rolling process." Now I have to search all over Fairbanks for the right paint. I finally find it, and after much experimenting and another phone call, I get the whole process down pat. Time is now running short, there is no way I can get all these pennies rolled alone.

Two days and counting, the President and the Pope will be in Fairbanks, will I be ready? My brother and mother are helping but I need more help. I call youth job service who sent two young men to help me, a friend dropped by and she was immediately put to work. We now set up an assembly line of sorts; paint the pennies, squash the pennies, fill up cards with four designs, make key chains, make necklaces, make singles in 2x2's and on cards. Everyone needs a souvenir of this historic occasion.

It was anticipated that there would be a crowd of 43,000 people to witness the meeting of the President and the Pope. Our town was filled with secret service personnel and there were rules for everything. I went out to talk to airport security and was informed that the rules and plans were changing all the time, but it I was out at the airport by 4:00AM I would be able to get out on the ramp and set up in my booth. Back home I dashed, everyone was working. None of my crew got to bed before midnight. We were sleeping on couches throughout the house. We all thought someone would set an alarm clock and nobody did. Much to everyone's surprise the first and only call was, "It's 3 o'clock!" No showers, jump into your clothes, load the truck and make a beeline to the airport. We arrive at the gate at 3:40

AM only to be told that there would be no more vehicles allowed on the ramp. Here I am, with my crew, my rolling machine, and all the made up tokens. Can we carry all of this for a half mile? I talk with the security people and finally get clearance to drive the truck up to my booth. Their orders are: drive up, unload and back off; security will check you out. We stand there in 20 degree weather, shivering and shaking, dressed like cheechakos, wishing we had our long johns or at least a parka. The secret service men and their dogs arrive to check us and our equipment. We pass inspection and are able to set up for business.

We are all freezing to death, the wind is blowing, it's dark and still hours until the President and the Pope are due to arrive. We did manage to bring a thermos of coffee with us. We pour a cup but the coffee gets cold before we are able to drink it. It is a miserable day. The people are arriving in busses, passing through security gates, many wrapped in blankets and carrying umbrellas. It starts to drizzle, the wind picks up, and it's getting to be daylight. People are beginning to see the booths and stop by. We do a brisk business for a short time, but people are more interested in keeping warm than in buying tokens. There is coffee at the booth next door at \$1 a cup, and there is a waiting line most of the time.

Finally about 10 AM the President arrives. Then comes the Pope's airplane taxiing up the runway with two flags flying from the cockpit windows, a flag of the United States and a flag of the Vatican. The crowd cheers, the bands are playing, choruses are singing, what a great moment! President Reagan, Bishop Whelan and a group of dignitaries walk out to meet the Pope. The sun
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ELONGATED TOKENS, cont.

does manage to come out from behind the clouds for a few minutes. President Reagan and Pope John Paul II each give a little speech and then meet privately in a conference room in the airport terminal building. Then the President leaves to fly back to Washinton, D.C. Pope John Paul II meets with the handicapped and the elderly and finally comes back and has a prayer service for the people gathered on the apron. The crowd is only about 10,000 people. The cold, wet weather has kept most people at home. The Pope blesses us all and also blesses all the religious artifacts. What an experience this is! With a lot of fanfare, the Pope boards his airplane and heads for Korea. My tokens and dies were there. I have the only elongated tokens blessed by Pope John Paul II!

The people begin leaving in droves no doubt suffering as we all are, from a slight case of hypothermia. We packed up and left. What a day this has been. We went home and warmed up with a hot-buttered rum in from of the fireplace. Looking out the window, Mom said, "It's snowing!"

(Ed. note: See the order blank attached to the last page of this issue)

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ELONGATED TOKENS FOR 25th ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD

Bert Samsa has also manufactured a set of 4 elongated cents for the 25th anniversary of statehood. Featured designs are crossed AK and US flags, a map, a caribou and a mosquito.



These are also available from NSA. Please see the order blank on the last page.

ELKS ISSUE DRINK TOKEN AT CONVENTION



The above token was issued at the 36th Annual State Elks Convention. The regular ones are 34mm brass, and 100 were gold plated for sale to collectors (the gold plated tokens are darker in color). The gold plated tokens are priced at \$7 while the brass are \$3.50. To order, please use the order blank on the last page.

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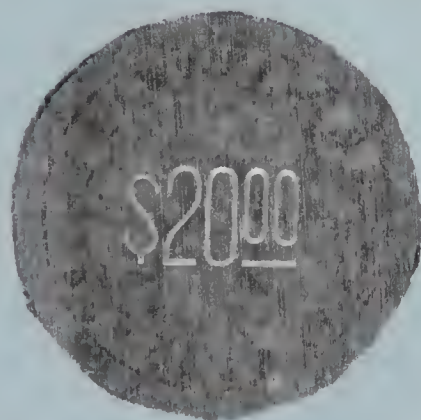
FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Park Pool Hall, Janich & Co., 7th and C Sts. Good for 12½¢ in trade. Brass, 24mm. At present, 2 pieces known. (submitted by George Hosek)



(JUNEAU): Frank Young's Saloon, Good for 5¢ in trade. 25mm Aluminum. Frank Young ran his saloon in 1909 also known as the Montana Saloon, according to 1909 Alaska Almanac. (submitted by Lew Egnew).



MAVERICK: WET, \$1, \$5, and \$20 poker chips. The \$1 is orange, the

\$5 is lavender and the \$20 is red. Printing is in gold. Found in an old cabin on Badger Road, outside of Fairbanks. No attribution is made at this time, nor is it likely that any will ever be made. The \$1 and \$20 chips are available for \$1.50 each. The \$5 chip is not available. Use the order blank below.



SOLDOTNA: Dorman Enterprises, The Coin Shop, 1984. Black on wood. Apparently the second or third issue, according to Alan Dorman.

OPERATION DEEP FREEZE, 1957-58



Illustrated above is a medal for Operation Deepfreeze of 1957-1958. This is the overwintering phase of the US operations in the Antarctic.

This medal is 34mm with loop, and is struck in sterling silver. USN is for US Navy, and IGY is International Geophysical Year. Psalm 139: 9,10 reads "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me". Letters indicate research stations (B and F????)

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OPERA HOUSE BROUGHT GLITTER
TO KLONDIKE GOLD DIGGERS
by
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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA-ANCHORAGE



Art, it seems, is bound always to be with us, even to the ends of the earth. For all the "he-man" imagery conjured up by stories of the frontier - what with subduing nature and her elements - culture, as it is called, is seldom far behind.

One of the first boasts of any pioneering town is its school, its church, and its choral society. A library helps, as do sidewalks, but the picture isn't complete until someone builds a theater. After all, "the play's the thing."

It's no surprise, then, that one cannot read far in the many collections of Klondike tales without encountering the Dawson City Opera House, and the roster of popular stars who made the strenuous trek over the passes and trails to perform there. The very "fancified" aspects of society which many Klondikers apparently thought they were leaving behind when they decided to test their mettle in the frozen North actually were well established in Dawson within a few months of the first discoveries.

Many of the elements of high society - the faro tables, dance halls, and barber shops, the "Sisters' Hospital," the North West Mounted Police - got to Dawson far ahead of most of the argonauts, a circumstance doubtless much appreciated by the anxious folks back home awaiting news of their loved ones. When letters arrived back in Massillon, Ohio, telling of the appearance of theatrical stars in Dawson in 1897, sighs of relief surely accompanied murmurs of astonishment.

But the relief may have been premature. While it is true that a number of renowned stars played there, Dawson's Opera House was in fact a very plush dance hall. Plays and theatricals were presented somewhat regularly, but a theater alone would never have been financially viable in an environment where flour cost \$1.20 for 10 pounds (compared to 50 cents in Seattle) and a \$10 blanket cost \$25.

The Opera House certainly was a cut above its competition. Waiters earned \$20 a day (restaurant waiters in Dawson made \$30 a week); dealers were paid as much as \$20 a day, as opposed to \$10 to \$15 a day at other establishments. One dollar could buy a shot of whiskey and a cigar. A quart bottle of champagne cost 2 ounces of gold (at \$17 an ounce).

It was not unusual for "Camille" or "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to be performed on the Opera House stage, and it is said that when Cecille Marion sang, lonesome miners tossed gold nuggets to her. But the important action was not on the stage. After the show the women descended to the main floor and, for a dollar, danced with a partner.

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EDITORIAL

We just recently received a mail bid offering the Chatanika Bingle Fritz tokens. It appears that our suspicions were correct concerning a hoard of these hanging over the market. We have also talked with a person who knows a person who found a hoard of these tokens, the amount not being specified. The motive for "trickling" the tokens into the market is obvious. You can make more money "trickling" than you can "dumping".

If a rare token comes on the market, what will it bring at auction? Good pieces have been running from \$150 and up. Our small mail bid brought some very high bids considering that this newsletter only goes to about 80 people. But our readers are all serious about AK tokens. But what would happen if 3 or 5 or 10 pieces became available? Naturally, the prices would gradually decline.

But what would happen if 10 tokens could be sold without alerting the public to the fact that more than one token was available. One could still demand the initial high price and get it.

What is the point of all of this? Hoards need to be identified as quickly as possible, not to keep people from making money on their tokens, but to keep people from buying a token without benefit of as much information as possible.

Selling a token without divulging all information available is, if you will, fraud by omission.

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CANADIAN TRADE DOLLAR NEWS, 1984 ISSUES

CORNER BROOK, NFLD: The old Man in the mountain, a natural landmark on a mountain near Corner Brook is featured on one side of that city's 1984 trade dollar.



The other side shows the engine of the Newfie Bullet and a Newfoundland dog. The Sherritt Mint struck 10,000 specimens on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks. They are available at \$2.00 from the Corner Brook Chamber of Commerce, Box 475, Corner Brook, Nfld., Canada A2H 6E6.

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD: Cabot Tower, situated on Signal Hill overlooking St. John's and the entry to St. John's Harbor, is featured on the obverse side of the 1984 St. John's trade dollar. The city's coat of arms is depicted on the reverse. The Sherritt Mint struck 25,000 specimens on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks and 100 pieces in .999 find silver specimens. The prices are as follows: N-B-S - \$1.75 and silver- \$35, both postpaid. Their 1982 and 1983 trade dollars are also available at \$1.50 each, postpaid.

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT: Yellowknife's 1984 Caribou Carnival trade dollar features a dog team on the obverse. Yellowknife is the home of the Canadian Championship Dog Derby, a 3 day race of 150 miles held each March during their Caribou Carnival. A caricature of a caribou dressed in hockey equipment (the 1984 Carnival's mascot) is depicted on the
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DAWSON CITY OPERA HOUSE, cont.

For the miners, a good time was measured in the number of "alle-mande lefts" gone 'round in an evening.

The Opera House also employed a number of women just for the dance hall. In the fall of 1897, according to one reporter, they worked from 6PM to closing (4 or 5 AM) for a salary of \$40 a week and a commission of 25 percent on drinks and cigars purchased by their partners. What the hostesses coveted most, though, were the sitting rooms around the dance floor where a few moments conversation could be taken privately over champagne at \$30 a pint.

The most successful actresses were reputed to earn \$100 a week. The company of the lovely Marion was once purchased for her weight in gold, and Cad Wilson did well enough to hire her own butler. In all it was a considerably different "high society" than the backhome image of operas and prima donnas might have suggested.

When the gold panned out and most adventurers returned to warmer climes, many stayed behind to put down permanent roots in the North. Through tolerance and hard work they created a society with more lasting values than the fast and easy boom times of '98. The culture they created was a real one, the beginnings of what the North is today.

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In the 80's today, June 21st, the longest day of the year!

NSA, INC. IS ALWAYS BUYING. IF YOU HAVE ALASKA OR YUKON MATERIAL, WRITE!

FEEDBACK: W. STOREY, ODIAK, AK

The March 1984 issue of ATC&PN had a rubbing of the only listed Odiak token which showed the diameter to be 21mm. I do not believe that this is a different token from the one in "Alaska Tokens". My measurement of 25mm was made from a photograph of a photograph, not from an actual token. Other photos from that source have proven to have been mis-sized. A careful comparison of the rubbing and the photo shows all the angles and positions to be the same. I do not believe there were two distinct issues. The size will be corrected in the second edition.

-Ronald J. Benice

TRADE DOLLARS, cont.

reverse. Hockey was a new sport introduced for the first time this year into the Arctic Winter Games which were held in Yellowknife. The trade dollar also commemorated Yellowknife's 50th anniversary.



The Sherritt Mint struck specimens on 33mm Nickel bonded Steel blanks. They are available at \$1.50 each postpaid. Specimens or their 1975 to 1983 trade dollars are also available at \$1.50 each postpaid. Orders should be sent to Caribou Carnival Association, Box 906, Yellowknife, NWT, Canada X1A 2N7

These three trade dollars are also available from Jim Quinn for \$1.85 each. Send orders for Jim to Box 291, Newcastle, NB, Canada E1V 3M4.

FIRST NEW GOLD COINS RECEIVED
(from the Dawson Daily News,
September 19, 1908).

The first gold coins of the new design issued by Uncle Sam to reach Dawson were brought by Andy Rystogi, who landed here this week from Philadelphia. He brought the coins direct from the Philadelphia mint. Andy was not so near broke but what he had several twenties and tens to cart back, and he is having considerable amusement showing one of the twenties and one of the tens.

The designs on the new coins have caused much adverse comment from the press throughout America. On the tens is an eagle of ill proportioned body and limbs, and has been styled the "bird in pants". The term is well descriptive of the appearance. On the twenties an eagle is designed flying as seen from a side view. The designs are far from being artistic or attractive as compared to those on the old coins. Around the outer or minted edge of the new coins are stars, representing the states.

It is understood that because of the words "In God We Trust" having been omitted from the designs, and the howl that was raised afterward, that this issue of coins will be terminated at once, and new designs substituted.

FOOD STAMP TOKENS

I am working on a trial listing of food stamp change tokens to be put out by Jerry Schimmel. The list would, of course, be on Alaska only. I would like to hear from other collectors of Alaska food tokens to help make this list as complete as possible.

Ronald J. Benice
25 Stewart Place
Mount Kisco, NY 10549

DAWSON CITY TRADE DOLLARS ARE NOW IN STOCK. SEE ORDER BLANK IN LAST MONTH'S ATC&PN.

FEEDBACK: THE KLONDIKE, W.A. HERZOG

Gary Pipher wrote and advises that these tokens are from Petersburg, Virginia. Tokens were issued with just the name W.A. Herzog, and also as W.A. Herzog, The Klondike.

According to David Schenkman's Virginia Tokens, W.A. Herzog operated a saloon around 1900. The tokens are listed as numbers M5, N5, P5, P10, and Q12½.

I wonder if Herzog had any connection to the Klondike, or he just capitalized on the name!

FEEDBACK: DON'S ALASKAN LOG CABIN

Lew Egnew writes to say that this token is from Seattle, WA. We ran this token before, but never ran the information that we received, and then lost, misplaced or forgot what that information was! Now we have it.

HOTEL IMPERIAL, PUNTA ARENAS



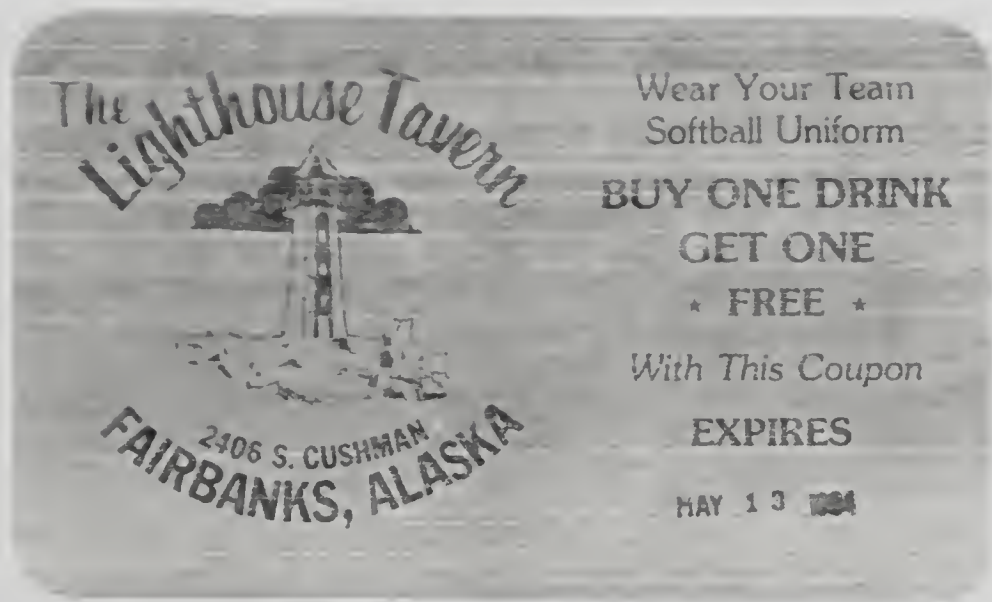
Above is another 21mm brass token from Punta Arenas, Chile, the southern most city on the South American continent.

The value is 20 cts. (centavos), as was the token issued by Constantino featured in our April issue.

Any information on these tokens would be appreciated.

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FAIRBANKS: The Lighthouse Tavern. Buy one drink, get one Free. Black on Yellow card, 58 x 107mm.



PRUDHOE BAY FIELD: One billion barrels produced, Jun 1977 - Jan 1980. Brz., 39mm, reeded edge. Surprisingly, the first we have seen.



JUNEAU: Centennial medal, in bronze 37mm, Issued in 1980.



MAVERICK: Probably not Alaskan, but an interesting item. Alum., 25mm

TRADER AVAILABLE



The above token from the Dawson City Opera House is available for trade. The item is a "dug" token, with pitting, as shown in the rubbing.

If no trade is forthcoming, it will be offered for sale in our next mail bid sale.

A comparable Yukon token is desired but Alaskan will be considered.

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FEEDBACK REQUEST

Any comments on the order blanks that accompanied the last couple of newsletters? Do you like them?, hate them?, couldn't care less?

We have been able to acquire a few new items in the last couple of months, and thought we would try an order blank to make your ordering easier (and also to hopefully increase orders, of course).

Any comments you have will be appreciated.

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We are running short on items for the FOR THE RECORD columne. Please report any new items that pop up in your area of the state.

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That is all for this month. Please share your info with our readers.

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A REAL MAVERICK IF I EVER SAW ONE

by
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This past February and March, a little theatre group was renovating the ground floor of the Improved Order of Red Men's Lodge #4 in Ketchikan, Alaska. This building is located at 324 Main St.

When they started removing the old plaster walls and ceiling they found a large cache of cardboard tokens. These all had the same legend on one side only: Good For 12½c, Bingle Club. They were in three different colors: pink, red and orange. The lettering on the red was a little different from the other two colors. All of the tokens or chits were dirty.

No authentication can be found for these tokens as yet. Prior to the Red Men occupying the building, it was used by the Fraternal Order of Eagles and prior to that it had been an ice cream store and so forth. Inquiries have been made of many old timers, but the best that can be guessed at is that they were used for some of the Days of '98 celebrations that the Red Men staged.

The really facinating aspect of these tokens is of course the use of the word "Bingle". Outside of the Bingle Fritz tokens from Chatanika and they Willis "Bingle Long" tokens from Long, Alaska, the appearance of this word is not seen on tokens.

In the words of one of the leading collectors in Juneau, "That's a real maverick if I ever saw one." And all I can add is that it is too bad.



CULLATON LAKE, NWT TRADE DOLLAR, A NEW DISCOVERY

This 35mm brass piece was first reported late in 1983. A musk ox, caribou, and an eskimo in a kyak are featured on one side with the legend TRADE DOLLAR and CULLATON LAKE N.W.T. around the rim. This side bears the date of 1981. A dancing girl in on the other side with ARCTIC GOLD CULLATON LAKE GOLD MINES LTD around the rim. The mine is in operation at present and is a major producer of gold in the Northwest Territories. There is no expiry date on the piece. Mint and mintage are not known at present.

-Jerry Remick

EDITORIAL

Well, has been a very busy month. Homer last weekend, softball this weekend, Jan has softball next weekend (which means dad gets the kid!), and softball in Valdez the weekend after that. Which is when this is do to go in the mail. So am only planning three pages this month. But, if something interesting comes in, or something of urgent interest, will add a couple of pages.

We are in need of articles, so how about it. Share your info with fellow collectors. Oops, almost forgot. Thanks to Henry Keene for sharing his information. Lets pay Henry back, and share some with him.

TWO NEW ELONGATED-GOLDEN DAYS 1984



Limited to 500 of each, these note Golden Days in Fairbanks, our annual celebration marking the discovery of gold in 1902. The first, above features the Golden Days Drags, drag races held on Airport Way. The other, at right, features a very happy prospector and the theme of this year's event, "25 years and still Pioneers". Corny but nice.



We have these available for \$3.25 each. See the order blank attached to the back page.

If you want to have an elongated cent made, contact us and we will put you in touch with Bert Sarsa, Elongated Cents of Alaska.

1984 GANDER, NFLD. TRADE DOLLAR



A large "25" is shown in the center of the reverse of Gander's 1984 Aviation dollar to mark the town's 25th anniversary this year. The Flying Fortress airplane of World War II fame is featured on the obverse. It was on March 13, 1941 that the first Flying Fortress to cross the North Atlantic passed through Gander. This plane opened a new phase of aerial warfare by flying at such high altitudes as to be virtually beyond the range of sight or sound of enemy ground gun crews.

Planes of World War II that flew through Gander airport are depicted on previous aviation dollars as follows: 1983- the Liberator and 1982- the Hudson Bomber.

The Sherritt Mint struck 12,000 specimens of the 1984 aviation dollar on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks. Postpaid prices are as follows: 1984- \$1.50; 1983- \$2.00; 1982- \$2.50. These are available from the Gander Chamber of Commerce Box 159, Gander, Newfoundland, Canada A1V 1W6.

-Jerry Remick

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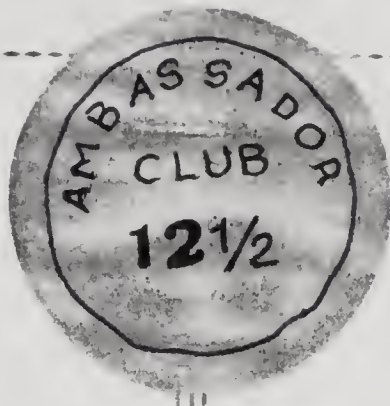
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AMBASSADOR CLUB, ANCHORAGE.

Above is a page from the program to the 1938 Anchorage Fur Rendezvous. Programs in themselves are interesting, but this one especially so. Stapled to page 20, onto the Ambassador Club's ad is a black on red 12½ cent token. Black on red does not photocopy well, so we have drawn in the details. The single circular line is actually two lines. Pretty good attribution for a "real maverick."

1984 DAWSON TRADE \$, MORE INFORMATION

The dollar marks the 1984 World Gold Panning Championships. The 1983 championships were held in Finland and the 1982 championships were held in Austria. The Sherritt Mint struck 10,000 aureate-steel, 150 in .999 fine silver, and 22 in 24K gold. All are 33mm in diameter.

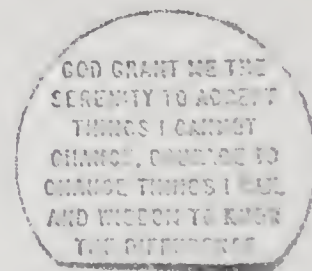
This is the first issue of tokens minted in aureate-steel. It is highly possible that aureate-nickel will be used to make the new multi-sided golden Canadian mini-dollar. Aureate consists of a steel or nickel blank electrolytically coated with bronze containing some zinc and then the coating is bonded to the core with heat and pressure. Afterward this light gold colored blank is stamped with the design.

-Jerry Remick
(Ed. Note: Our shipment has arrived and the trade dollars are available for immediate shipment.)

FOR THE RECORD



WHITEHORSE, Y.T.: Klondike Dollar, new variety without "Good for;" etc under Klondike Dollar. (submitted by John Cheramy).



ALASKA: New Hope for Living, Alaska Hospital. Reverse, serenity prayer. Supposed to be related to Alcoholics Anonymous. Bronze, 30.5mm with a flat edge, 21mm.



A ROMANCE OF THE YUKON

from

The Royal Bank of Canada
"Teller" Magazine
January/February 1966



Young Harold Wilson and an unidentified customer outside our newly-opened branch at Bennett, Yukon Territory. April 20, 1899.

The discovery, in the attic of an old house in Victoria, of a long-hidden package of letters, wrapped in tissue paper, has given us a revealing glimpse of the Yukon gold rush, of a turn-of-the-century romance, and of our bank's early history.

The object of the letters was a young lady of Victoria. The writer of the letters, Harold P. Wilson, was a young man also of that city, employed by the Merchant's Bank of Halifax, which two years later became the Royal Bank of Canada. Mr. Wilson, now in his eighties, still resides in Victoria. The young lady is no longer living, and her family have requested that her real name not be used.

Young Harold's first letter to 'Amy' after leaving Victoria reveals how, even then, one of our main concerns was getting the jump on the competition:

Hotel Vancouver
Feb. 21, 1899

Dear Amy:

I have just this minute arrived in Vancouver and as I had my breakfast on the boat I have a little time before going round to the bank.

I saw Robert (Amy's brother) last night just before I went and when he told me you came out just after I went, I more than kicked myself because I wanted to see you alone awfully badly.

I'm going to tell you something now Amy what I intended to tell you last night but didn't get the chance and you must not let a soul know, not even the girls. I'm not going to stay in Vancouver at all, I'm going up to Lake Bennett where a branch of the bank is being opened and it must be kept secret until it's started so don't tell anybody.

I hope you won't be angry with me for deceiving you but I really intended to let you know before I went.

I'm writing to you just as soon as possible as I won't get the chance again until we're over the White Pass which will mean a week anyway. Time is getting short now and so I think I'll have to close this letter.

Yours affectionately,
Harold

PS. Don't tell a soul that I'm going any further than Vancouver. PSS. Send me that lock of hair in your next letter please. H.

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EDITORIAL

There is quite a bit of information in this issue, so read carefully. Information on a bank at Bennett Lake, souvenir Alaskan gold tokens, "Feedback", elongated cents, and a new Juneau token. It is all here.

We do need articles from our readers for future issues of ATC&PN. A reminder that a full page article will get you a year's free subscription. I realize this is not much, but this is not exactly a money making venture. So how about it. Send in those articles, space fillers, and other bits of odd information!

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OBITUARY

It is with sadness that we must report the passing of Jack Lamb, long time Anchorage stamp and coin dealer. Jack, together with his wife Venus owned and operated the Stamp and Coin Cache. Jack passed away on August 7th.

Jack was born in Bloomington, Ill. on June 8, 1928. He graduated from Bloomington High School and then attended Illinois State Normal University. He financed his way through college by playing trumpet, saxophone, trombone and vibes.

Jack came to Alaska in 1958. He worked for the FAA until he opened the Stamp and Coin Cache in 1965.

A lifetime member of Musicians Local No. 650, Jack had played his trumpet in Alaska for six presidents. He was also a member of the Pioneers of Alaska, the American Legion Post 56 and the American Numismatic Association. He was also a contributor to the Krause Mishler Standard Catalog of World Coins.

Jack will be greatly missed by all coin collectors and serious numismatists in Alaska and elsewhere. Mrs. Lamb will continue to operate the Stamp and Coin Cache.

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1984 CHANNEL-PORT AUX BASQUES NAUTICAL TRADE DOLLARS



The 1984 Channel-Port aux Basques nautical dollar continues its series of Historical Gulf Ferries started in 1983 by depicting the MV William Carson. The ship was in service from 1955 to 1977 when it sank in heavy seas off the coast of Labrador. The town's seal is shown on the reverse. The Sherritt Mint struck 10,000 specimens in nickel-bonded-steel; 500 were gold plated and 500 were bronze plated. All are on 33mm blanks. Specimens are available postpaid as follows: NBS- \$1.50; bronze plated- \$5.00; and gold plated- \$8.00 from Channel-Port aux Basques Chamber of Commerce, Attn. John Crozier, General Delivery, Channel-Port aux Basques, Nfld., Canada AOM LCO. Their 1983 dollars are available as follows: NBS- \$1.25; gold plated- \$7.50; and bronze plated- \$4.50.

-Jerry Remick

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FT. SIMPSON, NWT MEDAL

Fort Simpson, NWT has just released a 33mm medal in nickel bonded steel with a mintage of 5000. One side shows the crest of the village of Fort Simpson. A map showing the location of Fort Simpson is on the other side, along with the inscription "OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED TRADING POST ON THE MACKENZIE RIVER". Specimens are available at \$1.85 postpaid from Jim Quinn, Box 291, Newcastle, NB, Canada E1V 3M4.

Fort Simpson is mainly an Indian village of about 1000 people. It will be visited by the Pope in Sept.

-Jerry Remick

A ROMANCE (cont.)

The Brannick Hotel
Skagway, Alaska
Feb. 25, 1899

Dear Amy:

We arrived in Skagway this morning and start for the White Pass tomorrow morning, the train taking us part of the distance.

The trip wasn't very interesting, although it was calm all the way except in Queen Charlotte's Sound which we entered the morning after leaving Vancouver. I got up but lay down again in about 10 minutes. I would have been pretty ill if I hadn't but felt alright again as soon as we reached calm water.

Yesterday morning snow appeared on the shores and after that there was nothing but snow all over the mountains and along the shore and when we got to Lynn canal a cold wind struck us which has been blowing ever since.

Skagway is rather a queer looking place but I can't describe it very well, not having had the opportunity to walk around yet. There are a lot of these patent tar paper houses which maybe you have seen in the windows in Victoria.

Both Mr. R. (the manager) and I carry loaded pistols all the time although I don't suppose we'll ever need them.

You'd better not trouble to answer this letter as we start tomorrow for L. Bennett, and I'll write to you again from there.

I think its pretty cold going over the pass as a man is in the room now with a frost-bitten nose, a deuce of a looking object; and Mr. G., my brother's partner in Victoria, left here last night on the Tees with both feet frozen.

When you write, send a long letter, telling me how everything is, yourself especially, and don't forget to send that little curl hanging down on the left side, the one

I told you about last Sunday.

Yours affectionately, H..

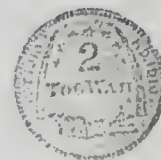
P.S. Don't forget that curl, Amy. H.

Mr. Wilson was posted at Bennett for three years, and remained with the bank until 1935. As for 'Dear Amy', he reveals, 'I never saw her again.'

Ed. Note: Our thanks go to June Angus, Editor, Employee Communications of the Royal Bank of Canada, and to Don Steele of West Vancouver for bringing the article to our attention.

ALASKA GOLD

Jay Roe California Gold has recently put out a price list with a large listing of Alaskan gold tokens. Suggest you contact them for this price list at P.O. Box 5646, Hilldale Sta., Madison, WI 53705.



This price list provided some information that we did not have before. The 2 Too Wah piece is described as follows: "A genuine original 2 T00 WAH (2 ivories) struck on solid 12 kt planchets by Nathan Joseph in San Francisco in 1910. Extremely rare and of much higher quality than the gilt brass replicas usually seen in auction that were made by Tatham Stamp & Coin in the mid '40's (I have seen these replicas sell for as much as \$340.) The most attractive of all Alaskan Gold with an Eskimo on the obverse and a dogsled, ivories, and legends on the reverse. High weight (21.5 grains). Burnie F1, Gould 108." Never knew who made these. Did know of the replicas, tho. We have one in choice AU for \$325.00. Roe's BU is \$475.00.

FEEDBACK: SCOUG'S PLACE

Enjoyed your Skoug's Place "Hoard Alert." When former hoard owner ... (name deleted by editor) called me prior to my writing you, he told me on the phone the denomination breakdown he had. As I recall he definitely had more than (2) \$1.00 pieces, tho I can't recall how many.

Guess what!! You forgot to mention the Chatanika 3ABC hoard (Dempsey Hotel) in the Hoard Alert. This was immed. apparent. There are probably 1 or 2 other "rare" tokens known in hoards thru out the Benice book-can't recall right now.

-Alan Weinberg

Ed. Note: The hoard of Chatanika B-3, A and C (B was not part of the hoard) has supposedly been dispersed. We bought the "last" of it and offered them for sale in ATC&PN, January, 1983.

FEEDBACK: SCOUG'S PLACE

This is the first chance I've had to write. I got your "Hoard Alert" on the Scoug's Place tokens.

I became aware of this hoard the same time as John Calhoun. I would like to add that the \$1.00 token is around also. I was offered this denom. from several persons who are collectors themselves. Now if they each have one for their collections, plus one to sell or swap, ther must be at least a dozen (or more) 1.00 tokens not the (2) reported. 'Nuff said!

-Lew Egnew

NSA, INC IS ALWAYS BUYING TOKENS, MEDALS AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING FROM ALASKA AND THE YUKON. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR SALE, PLEASE CONTACT US! WE DO NOT CHERRY PICK. WE WILL BUY A FULL COLLECTION OR JUST A SINGLE ITEM. GIVE US A TRY.

NEW ELONGATED CENTS AND DIMES!!!

Elongated Advertising of Alaska has made elongated cents for the Alaska Yukon Trail Association, sponsors of the Yukon Quest dog sled race. This race is from Fairbanks to Whitehorse. Starting point and ending point alternate each year.



This year was the first run of the race and it was won by Sonny Lindner. We have these in stock priced at \$3.25.

Also in stock are the elongated cents commemorating the 25th Alaska State Fair, held this year at the Tanana Valley Fair Grounds. The State Fair Alternates between Palmer and Fairbanks each year. Many of these were rolled out at the Fair. These are in stock and available for only \$2.00 each.

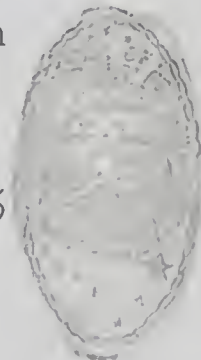
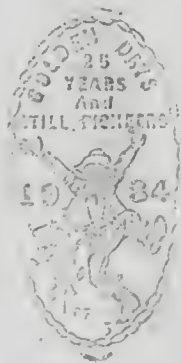


Forgot to mention that the Yukon Quest elongated cents are limited to only 500!

Also available are two elongated dimes. Both of these are limited to only 25 pieces. The first is for Golden Days, using the "25 Years and Still Pioneers" motif. The other is of the State Fair. Both of these elongated dimes use dies that are engraved 1 of 25 and are rolled

on dimes dated 1959. These are priced at \$30.00 each. Set-up pieces are available at \$2 each. These are on clad dimes and are pierced.

To order, please use the order blank attached to the last page.



FOR THE RECORD



JUNEAU: Juneau Liquor Co., Good for 12½¢ in trade. Aluminum, 26mm flat to flat, octagonal. 3 pieces known. (submitted by Ken Seachman and Bob Tamarantz).



FAIRBANKS: First Annual State Coin Convention, struck in brass!



NORTH POLE: Time Frame Photo, Good for \$1 off any \$10 purchase. Black on wood.



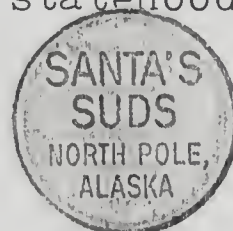
MAVERICK: Shrine Clowns; Given out at the State Fair, Tanana Valley Fair Grounds. Black on wood.



A.Y.P.E.: Small brass medal, pierced at 12 o'clock. 18mm. Usual AYPE design on obverse; reverse is block monogram of AYP in wreath.

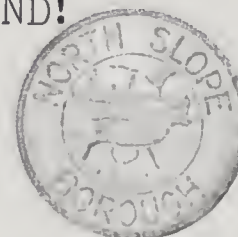


ALASKA (general): Elongated cent, for statehood, 1959



NORTH POLE: Santa's Suds laundry token. Brass, 22mm

LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!



We picked these up shortly after we ran information on them, but never offered for sale. Well, we were doing our spring cleaning (ok, so we're a little late) and found them. Sorry, only the brass are available at this time. Hope to get some of the bronze at a later date. To order, please use the order blank below

WELL, THAT DOES IT FOR THIS MONTH. YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WE DO NEED ARTICLES, AND SHORT FILLER ITEMS, SO PLEASE WRITE.

U.S. BUREAU OF FISHERIES
ANOTHER BOAT ON THE YUKON

by
Lewis L. Egnew

The brochure sent out with the September issue of ATC&PN on Yukon River boats brings to mind another type of boat which plied the Yukon. These were the U.S. Bureau of fisheries boats.

My neighbor here in Port Townsend has many memories and photos of the days she spent on the Yukon and Tanana Rivers in these boats. All were named after water birds. The "Coot", the "Swan", and the "Penguin" were three she remembers.

Miss Emily Townsend served as purser aboard the boat "Coot", captained by her father Calvin Townsend during the years 1919 to 1921. One incident she recalls vividly. When the Bureau officials learned that E. Townsend was a young lady (and less than five feet tall) they decided to fire her on the spot. Her father Capt. Cal Townsend threatened to quit his job if she was fired, and that was the end of the matter. Emily Townsend was subsequently named a U.S. Deputy Marshall, 4th Division, District of Alaska in November 1921. She still prizes her U.S. Marshalls certificate. Emily was also the telephone operator in Nenana.

She married Glenn Healas, a handsome Marine, and they lived in the "Real Alaska" of years now gone by. Emily, who is now 90, and her husband retired to Port Townsend in 1967. We have become fast friends and the stories of adventure they have told me are very interesting, as they knew personally some of the people famous in Alaskan history, and some of the issuers of tokens also.

Sorry to say, any tokens they may have used are long gone. Since the "Coot" called at every town and Indian village from the mouth of the Yukon to the farthest northern reaches, one can only speculate who these issuers were. They are always pleased to see any new tokens I get, and I like to show them, as it usually leads to another Alaskan tale. First hand information of these earlier times is now getting scarce, and should be appreciated by all collectors.



ESTER, ALASKA: Malemute Saloon, Cripple Creek Resort, Hotel, Dining. Don't recall seeing this wooden nickel from Ester before!

Ester is a small settlement about 10 miles west of Fairbanks. It is popular with the University community be they professors or students looking for low rent cabins. The Malemute Saloon is a must for summer tourists.

EDITORIAL

Well, as I am sure that most of you have figured out, October was my second month off. As you will remember, I cut back to 10 regular issues per year. The extra edition put out in August does not count. The 10th and final issue for this year will be the December issue.

As you can see from this issue, we are again in need of articles if this is going to continue to bring you the type of information that you want. We strive for a minimum of 50 pages each year, but this could easily drop to 30 pages if readers like you do not send in anything for publication.

All for now. Need the space to finish an article!

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STATEHOOD MEDALS, cont.



This piece was apparently made for Alaska Precious Metals in Anchorage. Retail in Anchorage for about spot plus \$2.

And finally, in the right column is a silver bar from Oxford Assaying and Refining. These retail for \$19.95.

There may be more yet. Will keep you posted

15 CANADIAN MEDALS FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II

Fifteen places that were visited by Pope John Paul II in Canada during his September, 1984 tour issued commemorative medals. Twelve of them were struck by the Royal Canadian Mint, two by the Sherritt Mint, and one by Pressed Metal Products.

Fort Simpson, NWT issued 10,000 33mm nickel medals struck by the Royal Canadian Mint. Unfortunately, the Pope could not make it to Fort Simpson because of heavy fog. The portrait of the Pope is on one side. I have not seen the medal, so I do not know what is on the other side. I'm sure if you send \$2.50 you can get the medal from the supplier, Father C. Piche, Fort Simpson Papal Committee, Box 89, Fort Simpson, NWT, Canada, XOE 0N0.

If you want Papal medals from some of the other cities that issued them I suggest you write to one of these dealers: Jim Quinn, Box 291, Newcastle, NB, Canada E1V 3M4 or John Cheramy, Box 5214 Sta. B, Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 6N4.

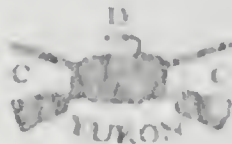
The on sight sale price for each issue of Papal medals was \$2.00. The funds helped pay some of the costs of the Papal tour.

Fort Simpson, situated in the southern MacKenzie River Valley of the Northwest Territories has a population of about 900 Dene Indians.

-Jerry Remick

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Dawson Curling Club

TOP OF THE WORLD CURLING CLUB

P.O. Box 3

Dawson, Yukon

Numismatic Services of Alaska, Inci
P.O. BOX 2832
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707



Dear Mr. Dick Hanscom:

This summer we had a small fire in the Dawson Curling Club and as a result of the clean-up would you believe that I came upon your letter and still uncashed cheque. It was buried in a bunch of old files.

As a result of our delay (two years) in answering I am returning your cheque along with the liquor and beer tickets you originally requested. Please accept them with my compliments.



Yours truly,

Neale Wortley

Neale Wortley (President)
Dawson Curling Club

PRICES REALIZED:

Medal, at left:	\$300.00
Anchorage, 28A, Native gold, virgin copper	390.00
Chatanika, 3A	41.50
Chatanika, 3C	15.50
Cordova 2A	10.00
Ketchikan 5B	31.50
Seward 6BI	30.50
Thane	14.17
Valdez 2 B	27.50
Fairbanks T6A I-III	27.50
39 Pieces of AK gold, AU-UNC, assorted dates and denominations, pinches and DWTs, no Parkas	4840.00
$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1$ Pinch, round, Indian heads EF-AU	412.50

Our thanks to Ron Benice for his help with the above.



ALASKA'S 25th ANNIVERSARY MEDALS

Just how many medals and ingots were made? Well on this page you can find out. These are listed in the order that we became aware of them.



This medal was issued two to the set, and you had to buy two so you could see both sides when in its display case. Original price: \$100.



Came out summer of 1983. Original price was \$24.95. Now selling in shops for \$34.95.



Bought in Pawn Shop in Seattle. No other info available.



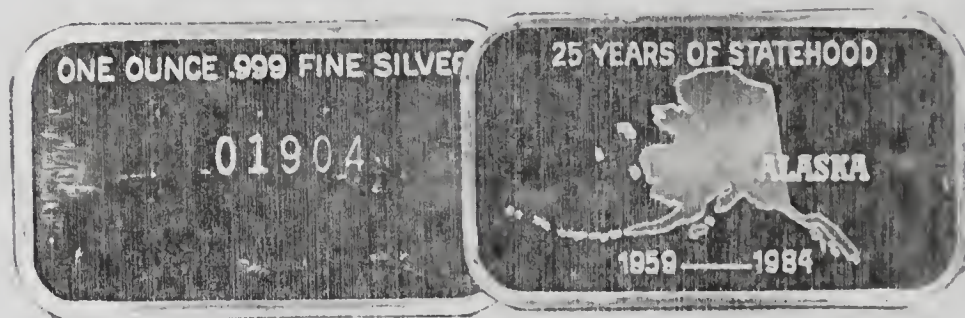
Reportedly out of Juneau, $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.



Everything about this is official, according to the advertisers, but they stop short of calling it the official medal. It is a good thing, because there is no official medal. Selling price between \$40 and \$50.



This is our entry into the sweepstakes. See order blank!



Manufactured for a person in Anchorage. Retail for \$12-\$25, depending on how far down the distribution line it gets.



Hand made in Fairbanks in sterling silver by Pat Pearlman. A very nice piece, holed for wearing on necklace.

The next piece is available in a set of silver and bronze. Apparently from the Juneau area. Set of two sells for \$45.

(continued on page 46)

Nº 800

Received membership card from Fairbanks Dog Derby and Ice Carnival, Inc., bearing the serial number above.

I hereby subscribe to, and consent to abide by, the by-laws of said corporation

1939
Member

MEMBERSHIP CARD
FAIRBANKS DOG DERBY
&
ICE CARNIVAL, Inc.

Nº 800

Certifies that
has paid the annual dues and is a member of this corporation
for the year 1939.

DR. L. L. HUFMAN, President
Sales Agent. W. H. BLOOM, Secretary

THIS CORPORATION IS NOT CONDUCTED FOR PROFIT

ALL-ALASKA DOG DERBY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Good Luck!

Your counterfoil No. 89592 was received

3-5-1941
FAIRBANKS DOG DERBY AND
ICE CARNIVAL, INC.

By [Signature]

PAPER ALASKANA

On this page are some neat items from Fairbanks and the Fairbanks area.

Above is an unissued membership card for the Fairbanks Dog Derby and Ice Carnival, Inc., 1939. The printing is dark green, with the dog in red.

To the left is raffle ticket(?) for the All-Alaska Dog Derby, 1941. Printing is black on light blue paper, and the underprint of a sourdough and two dogs in gray (hope it photocopies). The one illustrated has been issued. We also have these unissued in sheets of 32, suitable for framing.

Finally, our last item from the Richardson Roadhouse. This Roadhouse was located 69 miles from Fairbanks and was one of the oldest in the state, until it burned down in December, 1982. These "Poker Coasters" are circa late 1960's. A free sample of this item is enclosed.

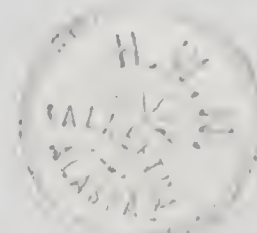
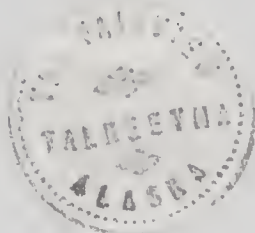
If you wish to order any of the items above, please use the order black below

POKER COASTER





TALKEETNA, ALASKA



Whenever we drive down to the Anchorage area, on the way home, we like to stop off at Talkeetna for an hour or so. This is not always possible, as the drive is an all day drive, and if we spend an hour in Talkeetna, this adds about 2 hours to the trip. We were very fortunate this summer to be able to stop in at Talkeetna on our way back from our annual halibut fishing trip in Homer. Instead of driving straight through to Fairbanks from Homer, we stopped to visit some friends in Willow. This stop over allowed us the time to visit one of the nicest little towns in Alaska.

Talkeetna is your basic one street town. Main Street is the location of most of the businesses in Talkeetna. There are a few gift shops, a restaurant or two, the Fairview Inn, and the B & K Trading Post. Not to be overlooked is a fine little museum on one of the back streets.

Of prime interest to collectors of Alaskan tokens are the Fairview Inn and B & K Trading Post. The free literature available at the museum provides some basic information on these establishments.

According to the information provided in the "Talkeetna Historical Walking Tour Brochure", the Fairview Inn was constructed by Ben Nauman in 1921. It was a favorite meeting place of miners and trappers, and is the only business that has kept its original name down to the present day. It is possible that Ben is a nickname for Bruno Naumann mentioned in "Alaska Tokens" by Ron Benice. The dates for B.N. Pool Room coincide nicely with the original date of the Fairview.



**FAIRVIEW
INN**

**DOWNTOWN
TALKEETNA**

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A FRIENDLY BAR WITH AUTHENTIC
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Comfortable Rooms (Reservations Advised)
Your Hosts Dennis Freeman & Tom Smith



B & K TRADING POST
GROCERIES • LIQUOR • GENERAL STORE
TALKEETNA, ALASKA 99676

Some may be wondering what the B & K Trading Post has to do with tokens. This business is the succeeding business to Nagley's Store (H.W.N., B-3). The building was built in 1917 at Susitna Station, and moved to Talkeetna in 1922. At one time, the Talkeetna River washed its location away and the building had to be moved again. For 30 days it was "business as usual" as the building inched its way down Main Street to its current location. Nagley operated the store until 1945.

Talkeetna is famous state-wide for its

EDITORIAL

Another year is drawing to a close. ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. The subscription rate will increase on January 1, 1985, so please save yourself some money, and help us to plan for the new year better by re-subscribing early.

The amount of the increase has not been decided yet. Your input would be appreciated. Our thoughts are between \$6 and \$10. If you have any thoughts on the matter, please let us hear from you.

Those who have contributed and have built up credit should check the order blank and be sure that this is reflected there. Mistakes happen, so if you feel that we have not given you enough credit, please write and let us know.

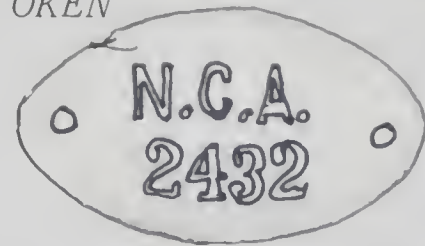
The January, 1985 issue will begin the seventh volume of ATC&PN. While this is the proverbial "Labor of Love", we cannot do it all alone. Your help is needed to provide interesting and timely articles. If you have some information that you are hoarding, please share it with the rest of us. If you know of a recent issue, please advise of this too.

We are in need of "reporters". These would be primarily responsible for the new issues from their areas. We are missing the issues from outside the Fairbanks area. Especially needed are reporters in Juneau and Anchorage. Reporters in other area could also be used. If interested, please write, This can get you a free subscription.

Finally, the index is enclosed with this issue. Type is quite small, but wanted it to fit on one sheet.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!!!

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY TAG BECOMES TRAINING TOKEN

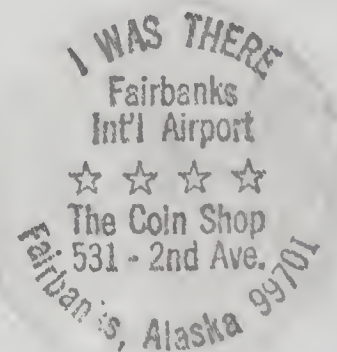


Above is a brase tag that was originally an inventory tag with Northern Consolidated Airlines. NCA bought out Wien Air Alaska to become Wien Consolidated Airlines.

The above tags are now used by Wien in training of stewardesses and Passenger Service Agents in Anchorage.

Now that Wien has decided to suspend all flights about November 17, to look over their financial situation, these may no longer be in use if Wien decides to quit the business.

WOODEN TOKEN MARKS PRESIDENTIAL / PAPAL VISIT TO FAIRBANKS



The above piece is being given away in Fairbanks to those who attended the visit of President Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II on May 2nd, 1984. The tokens are printed in red.

Those outside of Fairbanks may obtain a sample of this wood by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and 25¢ per token to NSA, INC., P.O. BOX 2832, FAIRBANKS, AK 99707.

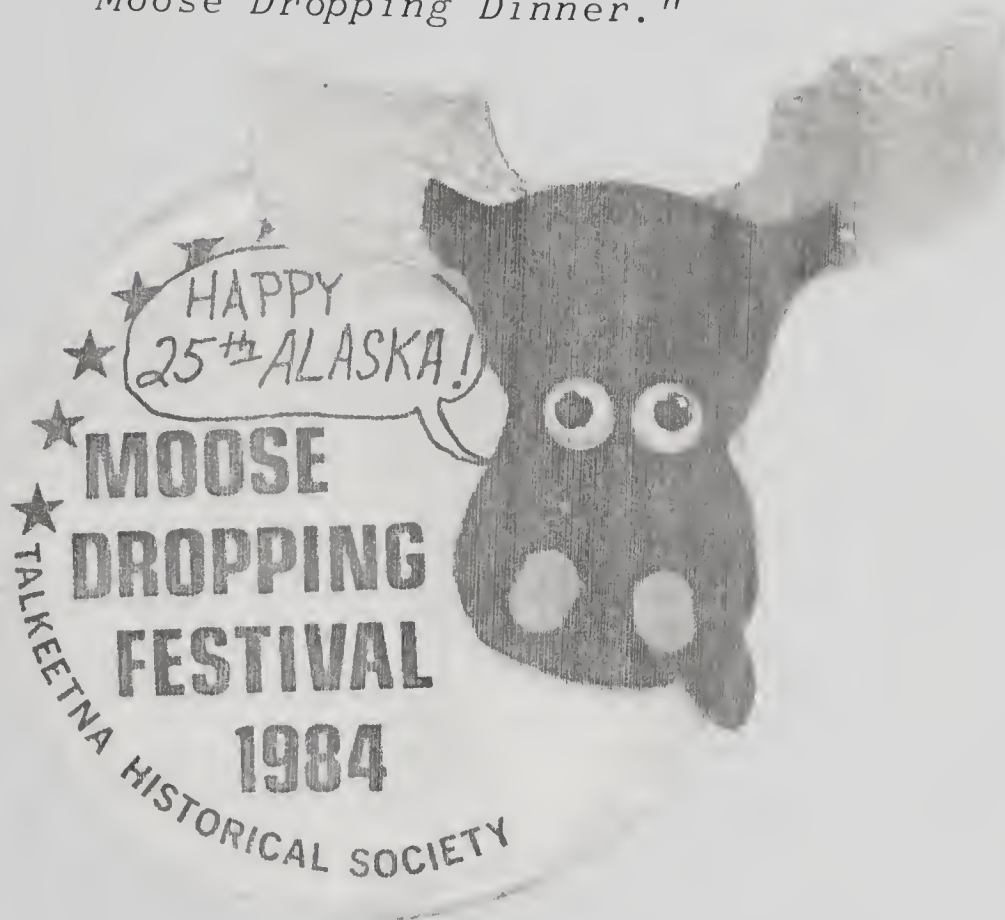
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EDITOR- DICK HANSCOM

CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT- JERRY REMICK

TALKEETNA, cont.

annual Moose Dropping Festival. The Festival is a fund raiser for the museum. Activities include game booths, wheelbarrow races, moose dropping throwing contests and the "Moose Dropping Dinner."

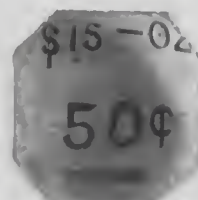
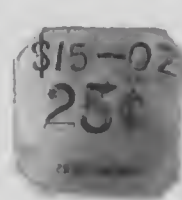


from this years festival is illustrated above.

Talkeetna is an unincorporated town of about 600 people. It is located at the confluence of the Chulitna, Susitna, and Talkeetna Rivers. Talkeetna has gone through booms and busts brought about by gold mining, river travel, and railroad construction. The 14 mile Talkeetna Spur Road in 1964 made the village more accesible. Talkeetna is now a favorite recreation center. Activities include hunting, fishing, boating, flying and cross-country skiing. The town is also a jumping off point for climbing expeditions of Denali (Mt. McKinley), with several flying services.

N.S.A., INC IS ALWAYS IN THE MARKET FOR ALASKA AND YUKON TOKENS. PLEASE WRITE IF YOU HAVE ANY FOR SALE!

J.L. SALE CO.-NORTHERN JEWELERS



Above are gold scale weights from J.L. Sale Co. They had stores in Dawson City, Grand Forks (Bonanza), and Fairbanks. These weights were obtained from a family here in Fairbanks with ties to the Yukon. One member of the family was born in Grand Forks! So, they could be from either the Yukon or Alaskan operations of J.L. Sale Co.

The 25¢ and 50¢ weights are made of aluminum, and weigh 8 grains and 16 grains, respectively. The weights also indicate that the value is based on \$15 per ounce.

The \$2 weight is made of brass and weighs 2 dwt, 15 grains, which puts it about a grain lighter than the above standard.

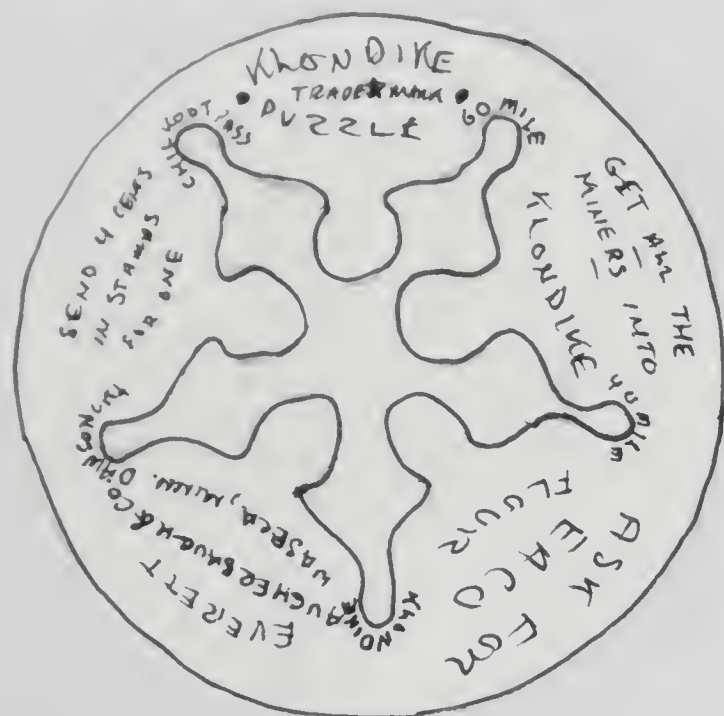
All three weights also bear the small inscription J.L. SALE & CO. inside a small bar below the value. All are concave in shape, roughly square, with clipped corners, probably to adjust the weight.

The 25¢ weight is approximately 17mm square, the 50¢ approximately 19mm square and the \$2 approximately 21mm.

TIN CITY, AK.

Tin City is the site of a former mining camp, and is now the site of a military aircraft control and communications post. Tin was discovered on Cape Mountain in 1902 and extensive developments were planned for 1903. The post office opened in 1904 and was discontinued in 1909. Now, \$5.9 million will be spent to deactivate 'a minimally attended radar facility' and 'renovate existing areas that are to be reused!'

KLONDIKE PUZZLE



Above is a neat little puzzle that we found buried in the Minnesota section of a recent mail bid auction. The sketch above is poor at best, but should illustrate it well enough.

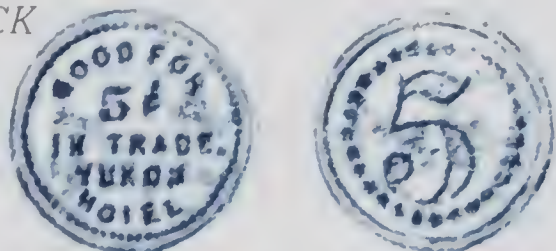
The arms of the star are constructed so that the seeds (they don't look like ball bearings) will get caught and make it difficult to "Get all the miners into Klondike." The points of the star are labeled "Chilkoot Pass", "60 Mile," "40 Mile," "Dawson City," and "Klondike."

Between the arms of the star is "Ask for EACO Flour," "Everett Augherbaugh & Co., Waseca, Minn.," "Send 4 cents in stamps for one", and "KLONDIKE Trade*Mark PUZZLE"

In the center of the game is, stamped very lightly, is "Standard Adv. Co., Coshocton, O., Mfrs. Patd. 97".

The game is dark brown with gold lettering.

YUKON MAVERICK



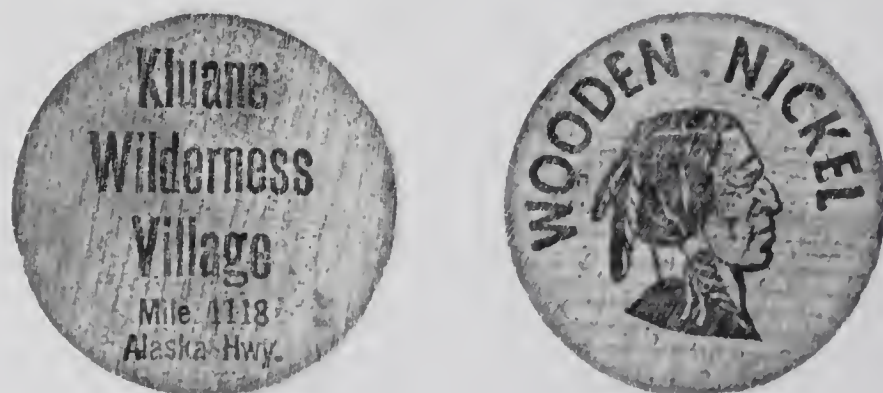
The above token was sent in by Lew Egnew. It is brass, 25mm. Any idea where it is from?

U.S. COINS FOR JAPS

(from the Dawson Daily News, March 16, 1904.)

San Francisco, Cal. March 16 - The San Francisco Examiner says the San Francisco Mint is engaged in making United States coins for the Japanese government, the gold being send here from Japan for coinage into money to be used for the purchase of food and other supplies for the army and navy. The last two steamers from the Orient each brought \$2,000,000 gold bullion. In making purchases in the United States and indeed in civilized countries the bullion is good as the coin, so that the inference is the coin is required for use in Korea, China, and in Manchuria, where the stamp of the United States is recognized as guarenteeing the gold. The coins being turned out at the order of the Japanese government are chiefly twenties, few of a smaller denomination being ordered. The arrival of the bullion was secret and unexpected, and no intimation has been allowed to percolate to the public prints as to how or when the coins are to be carried back to the Orient.

YUKON WOODEN NICKEL



Above is the only wooden nickel that we have seen from the the Yukon. It has black lettering.

Kluane Wilderness Lodge is where we broke down on our way home on our trip to Dawson a couple of years ago.

OF ALASKA, INC.

P.O. Box 2832

Fairbanks, Ak. 99707
(907) 452-6461

531 Second Avenue

MINI-PRICELIST 84-1.

Not wanting to waste a blank side of paper, thought we'd put out a short pricelist. All orders, please include \$1 to help with postage and insurance.

A.R.R.C.

001- 1¢ I/T, B-1a	20.00
002- 5¢ I/T, B-1b	20.00
003- 10¢ I/T, B-1c	20.00
004- \$5 I/T, B-1g	125.00

ALAKANUK

005- Set of 6, B-1, a-f, 25,50¢, \$1,\$5,\$10 and \$20	85.00
006- As above, B-1e \$10 I/M	25.00
007- As above, B-1d \$5 I/M	20.00

ANCHORAGE

008- Canteen Bar, 12½¢ I/T, native copper, B-9a	100.00
009- Cheechako Tavern, B-10b I, 12½¢ I/T	30.00
010- The Club, B-11b, 12½¢ I/T	30.00

CHISANA

011- Lou Anderton, B-1b, 50¢ I/T	20.00
012- As above, B-1d, \$5 I/T	30.00

CRAIG

013- Craig Inn, B-1b, 25¢ I/T	20.00
014- Lib's & Jessie's, B-2a, 10¢ I/T	13.00
015- As above, 25¢ I/T B-2b	13.00

CORDOVA

016- Alaskan Hotel, B-2a, 12½¢ I/T	12.00
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FAIRBANKS

017- Pedro medal, 1952, 37mm, scalloped, gold anodized aluminum	22.50
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HOONAH

018- Hoonah Pkg. Co., B-1c, 25¢ I/T	12.50
019- As above, B-1d, 50¢ I/T, Pic- tured variety	25.00
020- As above, B-1e, \$1 I/T	35.00

HYDER

021- The Bungalow, B-1a 25¢ I/T	13.00
022- As above, B-1b 50¢ I/T	15.00

JUNEAU

023- NY Exchange, B-47c II 10¢ I/T	17.50
024- Nugget Billiard Parlor, 12¢ B-48a	7.50

KETCHIKAN

025- Abercrombie's, 2¢ I/T B-1a	15.00
026- Lange's, \$1 I/T B-24d	22.50
027- Nelson Hotel, \$1 I/T B-29a	17.50
028- T&M Pioneer Pool Hall, B-38c, \$1 I/T	17.50
029- Quality Bakery, B-40a, 1 small loaf	17.50

KOBUK

030- Harry Brown, B-1a, 25¢ I/T	7.00
031- As above, B-1b, 50¢ I/T	10.00

KODIAK

032- NOB KODIAK, B-9b	15.00
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KOTZEBUE

033- Ferguson Stores, B-1c, \$1 I/T	25.00
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KOYUKUK

034- D. Verneti, B-3e, \$5 I/T	25.00
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KWIGUK

035- Alstrom, B-1, a, c-f, set of 5 25¢, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$10. 25¢ is worn and clipped, \$1 is very well worn	50.00
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MURPHEY DOME

036- NCO Open Mess, B-3, a-c, 5, 10, 25¢ I/T	30.00
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MILLER HOUSE

037- MH Bar, B-1a, 1 drink	12.00
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NENANA

038- A.P.J. Ghezzi, B-2a II, 25¢ I/T	17.00
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NOME

039- New Lincoln Bar, B-33a, 50¢ I/T fire damaged (Haven't seen one that hasn't been)	25.00
040- Polet Stores, B-38, b, d, f, i. 5, 10, 25¢, \$1 I/T	60.00

PORT ALEXANDER

041- B-3, a-b, B-4, a-b	30.00 each
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SEWARD

042- Am. Legion, XXV, B-1a	20.00
043- Northern, B-6b II, 12½¢ I/T	55.00
044- Palace, B-7c, 12½¢ I/T	35.00
045- Seward Bar, B-11a, 12½¢ I/T	50.00

SHEMYA

046- NCO OM, B-2, a, e, h 5, 25¢, \$1 I/T	20.00
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Maybe you missed the gold rushes

Don't miss a chance for the silver

CELEBRATE WRANGELL'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate Wrangell's sesquicentennial year, we have commissioned 1,000 sets of silver coins. Each set contains two coins: One coin is one ounce of silver, and the other is a half ounce. Both commemorative coins are stamped with the same serial number and come in a beautiful presentation case with a parchment describing the history of Wrangell's three flags. We are taking orders now. The cost is \$85 a set.



NEWSLETTER:

Wrangell, Alaska's third oldest city, is celebrating its 150th birthday. To commemorate this event, we have commissioned 1,000 sets of silver coins.

Wrangell is the only city to have been governed under three flags, Russian, British and American, and these flags are displayed on the front of the coin.

Wrangell was also the gateway to three gold rushes. The back of the coin shows a map of Alaska, with appropriate dates of the three gold rushes.

Both coins are stamped with the same serial number and come in a presentation case and a parchment describing in more detail the colorful history of Wrangell area, the three gold rushes and the three flags.

These coins are solid silver, one being one ounce, the other being one half ounce, and are annealed so that they may be handled.

At this time coins are available through Schirmer's Jewelry, P. O. Box 1110, Wrangell, Alaska 99929. Cost: \$85.00 per set plus \$4.25 postage and handling.



Cordova, Alaska

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Mr. Henry Mailand

ONE TEN-POUND TURKEY

and charge to Elk's Club

St. Regis

HOUSE COMMITTEE

A CHECK FOR A TURKEY!

Above is an item the likes of which we have not seen before. In 1937, the Elks Club in Cordova apparently gave out checks that were good in exchange a a local grocer for one ten pound turkey. It was obvioudly not redeemable at the Elks as it asks that the bird be charged to the Elks Club.

The check itself is 200mm by 74mm. It is printed on green paper with green line underprint. Also in the underprint is Exchange Safety Paper. Printing is in black.

Truely a piece of paper for the bird!

KOPPER KING BUCKS

Below is an advertising dollar for Kopper King Services at 1477KM Alaska Highway, Whitehorse, YT.

The sticker is 31mm in diameter, yellow with black lettering. It is on a regular Canadian \$1 bill.

We have 4 extra specimens of this note and these are available, one per person for \$2 plus SASE.

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NEXT MONTH- SOME INTERESTING AND VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE ANCHORAGE NATIVE GOLD AND COPPER TOKEN (B-28a). SUBSCRIBE NOW AND DON'T MISS IT!!



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